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IN MEMORIAM.

DAVEY—In sad and loving memory of my beloved husband, Gunner Fred. W., R.N.R., who lost his life on the Aboukir by the Huns in the Irish Sea 27th December, 1917.

Bright is his glory now,
Boundless his joy above,
Where on the bosom of his God
He rests in perfect love.

Inserted by his loving widow and little daughter.

HARE—December 27, 1917, killed in action, Georgy, Lieutenant, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, eldest son of the late Rev. Henry Hare and Helen Hare, grandson of the late Rev. George Hare, Chaplain Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. "At rest."—Mam.

LYNCH—In loving memory of Captain P. S. Lynch, M.C., Leinster Regiment, killed in action (near Hulluch), December 26th, 1916.

PIELOW—In loving memory of our dear son, Jack, Corporal, R.E., M.M., died December 27, 1921, from the effects of gas received in France. A devoted son and loving brother.

How hard it was to part with him,
But he went at the call of One
Who gave for him and all of us
His own beloved Son.

Mother, Dad, sisters, and brothers.

MARRIAGE.

BELL and PUGH—December 15, 1923, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brook Green, West Kensington, by the Reverend Father Storey, P.P., William Bell, to Josephine Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, of 8 Clayton ter., Chapelizod.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

BENNETT—December 26, 1923, at his residence, Patrimony, Arms Hotel, Kenilworth, John Bennett. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) at 2.30 from Cathedral to New Cemetery.

CHARLES—December 22, 1923, the result of an accident, Eleanor, widow of the late R. St. Charles. Funeral will leave her residence, 51 Ragian rd., this (Thursday) morning at 9.30 for Mount Jerome.

CHRISTIE—December 24, 1923, at Ryanville, Bray, Claudia Isabella, second surviving daughter of the late Claudius Christie, of Londonderry. Funeral private. Service in Kilbride to-morrow (Friday) at 11.45 a.m.

COGHLAN—December 25, 1923, at 89 Lindsay rd., Bridget Coghlan, beloved aunt of Mrs. Mary Boyle, R.I.P. Funeral from St. Columba's, after 9 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Friday) morning.

DAWSON—On Christmas Eve, 1923, at his residence, Dillon ave., Portobello, Thomas Dawson, late Town Clerk of Tipperary, aged 85 years. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 12 noon from St. Michael's Church to the Old Churchyard, Tipperary.

DEVLIN—At his residence, 48 Ulverton rd., Dalkey, suddenly, Joseph Edmund Devlin, late of Central Midwives and Local Government Boards, aged 70. Funeral private. No flowers.

DROUGHT—December 24, 1923, at her residence, 36 Brighton rd., Rathgar, Anna Blissett, widow of the late George Drought, Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. "And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads." Rev. xxii., 4. Funeral (private) at 11.30 o'clock to Mount Jerome.

HARVEY—December 25, 1923, at her daughter's residence, Littlehampton, Fanny Elizabeth, aged 88, widow of Francis E. Harvey, of Kyle, Wexford, and only daughter of the late John Pollock, Solicitor, Youghal.

HORNER—December 25, 1923, at her father's residence, 48 Bayview av., Hannah Beatrice, dearly-loved wife of John J. Horner, 153 Merrion rd., aged 38. "The Lord is my shepherd." Psalm xxiii. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) morning to Dean's Grange, leaving above address at 10.45.

HUME—December 24, 1923, at 36 Nevinn rd., London, W., of heart failure, Violet Margaret Isabel, wife of Captain Arthur Robert Hume, late Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and only daughter of the late General Sir Hugh Rowlands, V.C., K.C.B., of Plas Tirion, Carnarvonshire.

LORIMER—Sunday, December 23, 1923, at "Brigadier," Munster st., Philomount, Victor Andrew, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lorimer. Funeral private.

MacCORGRAN—December 25, 1923, at her residence, Belgrave Hall, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Elizabeth, younger daughter of the late John MacCrossan, Derry (Omagh), Co. Tyrone. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral private.

McCOURRIE—December 26, 1923, in Dublin, William Bell McCombrie (late Messrs. Crowe, Wilson, and Co.). Deeply regretted. Funeral arrangements in to-morrow's (Friday) paper.

McCULLAGH—At her residence, 41 Serpentine av., Sandymount, Katherine, widow of the late Jack McCullagh, J.P., Kingstown, aged 87 years. Funeral (private) to-morrow (Friday) morning. No flowers, by request.

MACDONNELL—December 24, 1923, Bernard James, only surviving son of the late John Joseph Macdonnell, M.I.C.E., London, and beloved husband of Ita Mary Macdonnell. Sequence in papers. Funeral (private) from Church of St. John the Baptist, Blackrock, after 9 o'clock Mass, this (Thursday) morning.

O'BRIEN—December 24, 1923, at his residence, Kileen House, Galway, Thomas O'Brien, M.D., to the inexpressible grief of his wife and children. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) to Busby Park.

O'BWYER—On Christmas Eve, 1923, at his residence, Mount Michael st., Tipperary, John O'Dwyer, LL.B., Solicitor, in his 70th year. R.I.P. Interment took place at Saint Michael's Cemetery, Tipperary, yesterday (Wednesday), December 26th, 1923.

O'NEILL-POWER—December 23, 1923, at 125 Victoria st., London, S.W., Marguerite, widow of Joseph O'Neill-Power, J.P., D.L., of Power Hall, Snowhill, Waterford. Fortified by the rites of Holy Church. R.I.P.

ROONEY—On St. Stephen's Day, 1923, at Drumartin Hill, Dundrum Co. Dublin, Mary Lucinda, youngest daughter of the late Walter Rooney. R.I.P. Funeral private. No flowers.

SHERWOOD—December 26, 1923, at 78 Botanic rd., at an advanced age, Mrs. F. H. Sherwood. Funeral private No flowers.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Clancoole House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, M.A. Funeral private.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Father Taylor, O.C.C., Whitefriar st., begs to express his heartfelt thanks to the friends, clerical and lay, who showed their sympathy with him—many in many practical ways—on the occasion of his father's death. He ventures to ask them to accept these few printed lines in lieu of a personal communication made to individuals.

IN MEMORIAM

DOHERTY—Third Anniversary—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who passed away 27th December, 1920.

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Then most one flock are we;
We grow not fewer, though the host
Step one by one to Thee."

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DUNCAN—In loving memory of my dear mother, who passed away at Oldcastle 26th December, 1913.—Eli.

DOUGLAS—In constant remembrance of my beloved and loving only son, Raymond, who died 27th December, 1920, at Mogul, Burma, aged 27 years. "Until the day dawn."

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Le hOrdú an Aire um Rialtas Aitiuil.
P. Mac SEARRAIN, Rúnaí.
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THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IRELAND) ACTS, 1878 TO 1919.
WHEREAS the Corporation of the County Borough of Dublin have made applications to the Minister for Local Government in the following matters :—
1. For sanction to a Loan of £40,000 to defray expenditure in the Dundrum Section (Area No. 2) of the new Waterworks Reservoir at Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.
2. For a Provisional Order amending the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1920, by extending the limit of the Dublin Public Water Area to the City of Dublin to Eight Pence in the Pound, and by providing that such portion of the Public Water Rate levied for carrying Seven Pence in the Pound as the Council may from time to time determine, may be applied for the purposes of the Dublin Corporation Fire Brigade Act, 1863.
NOW, THEREFORE, the Minister for Local Government hereby gives notice :—
1.—That he has instructed Nicholas O'Dwyer, Esq., C.E., Inspecting Inspector, to hold a local inquiry into the matter of these applications, and to report to him thereon, and that the said Nicholas O'Dwyer will attend at the Oak Room of the Mansion House, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, 1924, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of holding such inquiry.
II.—That any ratepayer in the City of Dublin objecting to the proposed Loan of £40,000 being sanctioned, and any persons interested objecting to the proposed Provisional Order being made, will be permitted to attend the said Inquiry or any such objections may be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government at their Offices, Upper Merrion street, Dublin, so as to be received there on or before Saturday, the 12th day of January, 1924.
By Order of the Minister for Local Government,
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FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

Some oddly interesting side-lines marked the Bank Holiday racing this afternoon. It must be an age since eight winners came from Epsom in a single afternoon, yet this is what happened to-day, for six of the seven winners at Kempton Park were trained on the Downs where the Derby is run, and two of the Wolverhampton winners at the same place. Considering that the superior people say that you cannot prepare good horses at Epsom, and that there is not a single trainer there who can be called "fashionable," the record is a really remarkable one.

Two jockeys intimately associated with Epsom—George Duller and Frank Wootton—also each rode a couple of winners during the afternoon, but a more important double was scored by Captain Bennet. He rode two winners against Hogan's one at Wolverhampton, and this brought the pair level with Dick Rees at the top of the list of cross-country jockeys. The three now tie with 50 winners each, and the struggle for the final position between them during the last four days of the year will be most exciting. Rees was the unlucky one of the day, for when Sundrop fell with him at Kempton he was kicked by another horse, and it was considered advisable that he should not ride during the rest of the afternoon. He had been engaged for Hawker in the Oatlands Steeplechase, and Major Doyle had to be substituted at the last moment. As the horse won it is safe to say that but for his fall Rees would be run clear at the top of the list.

A DECISIVE VICTORY.

It was a smashing victory that Mr. Bennett's horse gained when he gave seven pounds and a two lengths' beating to Blazing Corn, with Sir Huon third and Libretto fourth of the five runners. Despite his weight, Hawker was favourite. He picked up the lead from Sir Huon a mile or so from home, but at the last fence Blazing Corn was pressing him hard. With Hawker responding gallantly to the efforts of Major Doyle, and Blazing Corn tiring in the run in, the Irish horse came home a very gallant victor amid considerable cheering. It was the best performance that Mr. Bennett's horse had yet put up in this country, and as a three-mile 'chaser it would not be easy to find his superior.

With Flaming Sword missing the Christmas Hurdle, backers fastened on Sancroft and Cavalier, both of whom led Tomahawk in the market. In the race they hardly saw the way Tomahawk went, for George Duller took him into the lead at once, and after they had jumped the last hurdle he proceeded to draw right away and won in a canter from Boddam and Sancroft.

A SMART HURDLER.

We were introduced to another smart-three-year-old hurdler in the last race. This was Noce d'Argent, who, it was understood, is being kept for a début at Newbury. He was, however, "slipped" this afternoon, and there was close betting between him and Perahara. After jumping the last flight he raced away from Perahara to win easily by three lengths. Noce d'Argent is a most promising novice at the hurdling business, and in this class we seem to get a fresh one almost every week.

North Waltham waits for Newbury, so in the Kenyon Steeplechase odds had to be laid on Ardsoua. They were never in doubt and he won in a canter by twenty lengths. Mr. Hubert Hartigan's Reahills was placed second. This was the fifth victory in succession gained by the son of Ardoon, who is one of the "finds" of the season, and Gilbert Bennett has placed him uncommonly well.

Turning to the results from Wolverhampton, I see that Mr. Harry Brown was responsible for the training of three winners and that Frank Wootton, as well as Captain Bennet, rode two. Hogan's winner was Turkey Buzzard, who was only a small fraction of a favourite than Music Hall in the Pankridge Steeplechase. Music Hall fell two fences from home, so the way was made clear for Turkey Buzzard, who appears to have shown the best of his form—and his best is very good—and won in a canter from The Heir. He was the only non-favourite to win during the afternoon, and as he seems to have been practically as well backed as Music Hall, Midland backers must have had one of those days folks dream about.

HOGAN'S ILL-LUCK.

Hogan, by all accounts, was unlucky not to have won the Christmas Cup on Clonree, for he was putting in his challenge when the horse slipped up on the flat. Dudley then went on to win from Hairpin II. by a length and a half. Dudley is a very much improved horse since he was acquired by Lord Londesborough. This popular young nobleman also won the Buckley Handicap Hurdle with Potheen, whom he acquired from Mr. Pat Rogers. The horse was heavily backed last week when he went under to Tower Hill. Here he made amends by winning by three-quarters of a length from Clarkin, with Westview unplaced. Another Irish-bred winner turned out by Mr. Brown was Jump for Joy, who beat Minster Star in the Wyfold Hurdle. The win for Golden Fleece in the Selling Steeplechase has to be chronicled, the old horse being bought in later by Mr. Parrish for 140 guineas.

FANCIES FOR TO-DAY.

TOM CROW is faced with such moderate opposition in the Shepperton Handicap Steeplechase to-morrow that he may win if he can beat Kwang Su, a French horse sent over by Mr. Jacques Hennessy, possibly to emulate Lutteur III. As Tom Crow has been sent in preference to Beggar's End, who seemed to have a good chance, Mr. Gore may be hopeful about his prospects. SAVERNAKE should win the Twickenham Hurdle, but if he does not run CIVIC GUARD, whom Jack Anthony rides, would be a good thing. In the Mortlake Three-Year-Old Hurdle Handicap REDMER may win.

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Daily Express :—Double—Pride of Manister and Hungarian. Safety bet — Pride of Manister.

Daily Chronicle :—Double—Glengarry II. and Dominican. "To Beat the Book"—Glengarry II.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Barrackton Lad. Double—Stuff Gown and Barrackton Lad.

Daily Mirror :—Double—Beggar's End and Civic Guard (nap).

Daily Mail :—Special selection — Civic Guard. Double—Civic Guard and Martes.

KEMPTON PARK RESULTS.

12.30—KEMPTON STEEPLECHASE of £300. 2m. (Catch-weights.)—ARDOON, 5-8 (J. E. Rees); Mr. H. Hartigan's REAHILLS, 4, 10-10 ..... F. Morgan 2

Mrs. Nerwen's VOCALION, 4, 10-10 ..... G. Wall 3

Also ran—Headmaster (J. Parkinson), Baltymooch (A. Botton), Coach o' Lee (F. Rowlett). Off 12.30). (Winner trained by T. Cannock).

Betting—2 to 1 on ARDOON, 6 to 1 each agst. Reahills and Headmaster, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by twenty lengths; a bad third. Baltymooch was fourth.

1.0—KEW THREE-YEAR-OLD (3) HURDLE of £300. 1½ m.

Mr. Humphreys's b. c. PETER PAX, by Rock Flint—Irene Callender, 10-0 ..... J. Smyth 1

Mr. R. J. Dendo's HELOS, 10-0 ..... G. Duller 2

Mr. W. J. Pilling's MOSELEY, 10-12 ..... J. Anthony 3

Also ran—The Bostonian (P. Beardon), Five Fours (A. Piper), Allaire (E. Vinall), Achilleion (J. Small). Sundrop (T. Rees), Montagne (F. Brookes), Marius (W. Smyth). (Off 1.1). (Winner trained by W. Smyth.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Sundrop, 7 to 2 Achilleion, 6 to 1 each PETER PAX and Moloe, 10 to 1 Five Fours, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a head; three lengths. Ariane was fourth.

There was no bid for the winner.

1.30—BATLANDS HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £330. 3 m.

Mr. T. Bennett's br. g. HAWKER, by Ardoon, dam by Morgantes—Porzana, 9, 12-7 ..... Major Doyle 1

Mr. Kershaw's BLAZING CORN, 9, 11-13 ..... J. Anthony 2

Lord Woolavington's SIR HUON, 9, 12-3 Robson 3

Also ran—Libretto (A. Escott), Victor Noir (W. Smyth). (Winner trained by R. Wootton.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. HAWKER, 100 to 30 each Sir Huon and Blazing Corn, 4 to 1 Libretto, 10 to 1 Victor Noir.

Won by two lengths; three lengths.

2.0—HOUNSLOW (3.) HANDICAP HURDLE of £300. 2 m.

Mr. J. Harris's bl. c. YORICK, by Black Jester—Mary Gaunt, 8, 10-3 ..... G. Duller 1

Mr. Lobanov's PICCOLINO, 5, 11-10 W. Smyth 2

Mrs. Duckworth's MELBACATE, 5, 10-7 ..... L. Morgan 3

Also ran—Scottish Knight (Rees), Pacific (M. Tighe), Financier (——), Gondolier (F. Alden), Feltham Hill (Moylan), King's Governor (F. Morgan), Dutch Toy (W. Hughes), Claygate (J. Brooks), Jaden (J. Escott), Sun Chap (T. Duggan). (Off 2.2). (Winner trained by Hyams.)

Betting—5 to 4 on YORICK, 7 to 1 each agst. Melbacate and Sun Chap, 10 to 1 each Piccolino, Claygate and Jaden, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by four lengths; three lengths. Cavalier was fourth.

2.30—CHRISTMAS HANDICAP HURDLE of £450. 2 m.

Mr. Weil's br. c. TOMAHAWK, by Javelin—Lady Brendan, 5, 11-7 ..... G. Duller 1

Mr. Tennant's BODDAM, 4, 11-3 ..... A. Escott 2

Mr. J. Thomson's SANCROFT, 4, 11-3 ..... Mr. F. A. Brown 3

Also ran—Cavalier (J. B. Anthony), Brownstown (G. Wall), Belgian Boy (H. Madden), Main Royal (R. Hart), Twelks (A. Furnell), Lord Thanet (H. S. Johns). (Off 2.32). (Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Sancroft, 3 to 1 Cavalier, 4 to 1 each TOMAHAWK and Boddam, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by four lengths; three lengths. Cavalier was fourth.

3.0—HAMPTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £300. 3 m.

Mr. Clancy's b. h. FIBBER, by The Tower—Bornatira, 7, 11-5 ..... F. Mason 1

Mr. H. Greer's BROADWAY, 9, 11-5 ..... G. Wall 2

Mr. Hyams's WHAT LUCK, 6, 11-5 ..... J. R. Anthony 3

Also ran—Royal Chancellor (E. Foster), Billeman (F. Brookes), Holiday Hall (Duggan). (Off 3.3) (Winner trained by G. Clancy.)

Betting—11 to 10 agst. What Luck, 15 to 8 Broadway, 6 to 1 FIBBER, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30—FULWELL THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £300. 1½ m.

Mr. S. Oiben's b. g. NOCE D'ARGENT, by Braxted—Princess St. George, 10-6 A. Escott 1

Mr. Collins's PERAHARA, 10-5 ..... G. Duller 2

Mr. H. Hartigan's PARA HILL, 10-6 Mal Doyle 3

Also ran—Marrovian (T. Carey), Scottish Elegance (G. Pellerin), Skyflier (Cox), Our Phillip (Griffiths), Athena (W. Smyth), Agincourt (G. Wall), Bright Coast (Whelan), Demosthenes (F. Rees). (Off 3.33). (Winner trained by S. Wootton.)

Betting—11 to 10 agst. NOCE D'ARGENT, 6 to 1 Perahara, 7 to 1 Marrovian, 100 to 8 Para Hill, 20 to 1 any other.

Won very easily.

KEMPTON PARK.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

The weather continues to change in a few hours from the mildness of spring to Arctic coldness, and one is always doubtful about racing, but it is to be hoped that nothing will interfere with the second stage of the meeting at Kempton, for quite an attractive programme has been arranged. The Shepperton Steeplechase and the Twickenham Hurdle are the outstanding events, and the latter should prove particularly interesting with Civic Guard and Savernake in opposition. Both are particularly smart at the game, and as no line can be obtained between the pair the chances are a matter of opinion, though, personally, I strongly incline to the claims of Savernake. She is, however, not a certain runner, in which case it would look good for Civic Guard. The Shepperton Steeplechase appears to rest between Phaco and Beggar's End. The first-named should most certainly have won at Leicester, and, in view of What Luck's recent running, I much prefer Phaco to Beggar's End. Hungarian may be the pick to stand for the Mortlake Hurdle.

Selections:—

Wednesday Steeplechase—Martes.

Chiswick Hurdle—Petty Cury.

Shepperton Steeplechase—Phaco.

Twickenham Hurdle—Savernake; if absent, Civic Guard.

Amateurs' Steeplechase—Dwarf of the Forest.

Mortlake Hurdle—Hungarian.

[The figures in front of the names of the horses are an index to placings in their last three engagements—reading from right to left; (s) signifies started slowly.]

1.0—WATERLOO (3.) HANDICAP CHASE of £300. 3m.

041 OCEAN STAR (Mr. Whitelaw) ..... Bowen 11 12 10

121 MARTES (Capt. Powell) ..... Wootton 10 12 7
531 NED CARVER (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Tetley) ..... Wilson 10 12 6
Also ran—Wall Street (——), Poole 9 12 3
300 ST. BERNARD (Mr. Brewster) ..... Mr. Hartigan 9 12 1
020 PRINCE CLIFTON (Mr. W. Taylor) ..... Butchers 9 12 1
Hour 10 12 0
000 THE MOON (Mr. Christy) ..... Kemp 6 11 12
000 ROMULA (Mr. Bowen) ..... Lockie 6 11 12
205 LOCH O' GAIR (Capt. Vivian) Gore 10 11 10
853 GLEN EAGLE (Mr. Edgell) ..... Beasley 6 11 9
011 OASH BOY (Mr. Read) ..... Mr. Read 6 11 7
003 THE ANTELOPE II. (Mr. Methven) ..... Mr. Methven 6 11 4

1.30—SHIRLEY (3.) HURDLE of £200. 2m.

010 GREEN VINE (Mrs. Woolsey) ..... Wood 6 11 13
000 ROSEMARY (Mr. Morrison) ..... Rivett 12 11 8
003 BARNAWEE (Mr. Baskin) ..... Hastings 7 10 11
300 GORTENNANRHEA (Mr. Gibson) ..... Bisteed 8 10 10
000 PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) ..... Hastings 10 10 5

1.30—CHISWICK (3.) HURDLE of £200. 2m.

000 TREBLE SCOTCH (Mr. Gore) ..... Gore 7 11 12
000 LORD THANET (Mr. Hamilton) ..... Hamilton 6 11 12
300 PRIORITY (Mr. M. McAlpine) ..... Poole 7 11 12
Also ran—Two others arrived.
013 MARRICO (Mrs. Bennett) ..... Bennett 7 11 12
002 CROSS HILL (Mr. Rowell) ..... Private 7 11 12
300 SPECIAL SIGNS (Mr. Hamilton) ..... Hamilton 6 11 12
Bennett 7 11 12
110 GLEN EAGLE (Mr. Edgell) ..... Cook 6 11 12
232 PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) ..... Hastings 10 11 12
248 ST. CORENTIN (Mr. Howard) ..... Mr. Nightingall 6 11 12
200 RAYROCK (Mr. Lyall) ..... F. Mason 9 11 12
011 SPRINGFIELD (Mr. Gordon) ..... Larkin 7 11 12
131 COURT BLEDDYN (Miss Poole) ..... Poole 7 11 12
2 SHOTMAKER (Lt.-Commander) Gore 10 11 12
020 SIMON'S PRAY (Mr. Read) ..... Mr. Read 6 11 12
000 SANS DOUTE (Mr. Saunders) ..... Saunders 6 11 12
111 PERICO (Mr. Stevens) ..... Stevens 6 11 12
010 WARRINGTON (Capt. de Trafford) ..... Mr. Hartigan 6 11 12

2.0—SHEPPERTON HANDICAP CHASE of £450. 3m.

131 SIR HUON (10lb. ex.) (Lt. Winterbottom) ..... Gore 9 12 9
KWANG-SU II. (Mr. Hennessy) ..... Whitaker 9 12 9
0 TOM CROW (Lt. Queenborough) ..... Gore 6 11 7
(The above have arrived.)
104 CLARENCE ARMS (Col. W. Anthony) ..... Anthony 8 12 7
210 BEGGAR'S END (Lt. Queenborough) ..... Gore 8 12 5
312 PHACO (Lt. Worcestland) ..... Wootton 8 11 11
811 JACK BOORE (Mr. Hosier) ..... Orford 7 11 6
022 AMMONAL (Mr. J. Wood) ..... J. Wood 6 11 0
000 WHITE ROSALD (Mr. R. Maddison) ..... Mr. Maddison 9 10 13
833 SNAE FELL (Mr. Wilmot) ..... Poole 9 10 10
513 DEVONPORT (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Tetley) ..... Mr. Hartigan 8 10 9
00 PAR (Mr. Thrale) ..... Doyle 9 10 3

2.30—TWICKENHAM HURDLE RACE of £200. 2 m.

113 CIVIC GUARD (Mr. Kember) ..... Anthony 4 12 6
0 PERDIA (Mr. Whitaker) ..... Whitaker 6 12 2
4 SUNTED (Mr. Rosson) ..... Beasley 4 11 10
(The above have arrived.)
0 WHIPPING BOY (Mr. Cummins) ..... Woodman 4 11 10
000 REGULATOR (Mr. Howson) ..... W. Nightingall 4 11 10
046 ORANGE RIVER (Mr. Barton) ..... W. Payne 4 11 10
JOLLY BUTCHER (Mr. Cameron) ..... Cameron 4 11 10
00 REDMER (Mr. V. Thompson) ..... F. Hartigan 4 11 10
000 KILWORTH (Capt. Barnett) ..... Woodman 4 11 10
430 YOUNG HEROINE (Mr. E. Beasley) ..... Hastings 4 11 5
000 BALSCHELL (Miss Coghman) ..... J. Lyall 4 11 5
002 DOMINICAN (Mr. Rawdon) ..... Beasley 4 11 5

3.0—THE HENLEY HANDICAP CHASE of £300. 3m. (Amateur riders who have not won more than 80 races under either Rules.)

104 HARD NAZE (Lt. Pierrepont) ..... Poole 6 11 10
200 LOCH ALLEN (Capt. Bennet) ..... Bennet 6 11 10
(The above have arrived.)
011 PLUSHED (Mr. Saville-Cox) ..... Potter 7 12 2
001 MY HATH (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Tetley) ..... Bennett 11 12 1
110 DWARF OF THE FOREST (Mr. Hall) ..... Bennett 11 12 1
110 GILLIAN PRINCE (Mr. Robert) ..... Bertie 6 11 12
110 GREENHURST (Lt. Wordsworth) ..... Wordsworth 7 11 12
110 GEM (Mr. Bennett) ..... Bennett 7 11 12
181 MASTER (Capt. Powell) ..... Powell 12 11 9
003 MAYAN (Capt. Powell) ..... Powell 12 11 9
010 CRIPPS BRIDGE (Capt. H. Thompson) ..... Mr. Thompson 6 11 9
020 FACTFIST (Capt. Grant) ..... W. Payne 6 11 7
091 PRIDE OF MANISTER (Mrs. Stevens) ..... Stevens 10 11 2
00 VAUGHMONAGH (Mr. Willis) R. Payne 7 11 4
110 PARA KING (Col. Greer) ..... Hall 9 11 3
030 THE SAINT IV. (Mr. R. Wardell) ..... Mr. Wardell 6 11 3
001 SERBAN (Mr. Tuam) ..... Hastings 6 11 3
000 RED ROCK (Miss Dennis) ..... Bertiepoy 8 11 1
030 PINKWINDOES (Mr. A. Harris) ..... A. Bennett 7 11 0
011 RASAKI (Col. Croft) ..... J. Anthony 7 10 12
200 LEE BRIDGE (Mr. Saxe) ..... Mr. Hall 8 10 10
003 BOURHAM (Mr. F. Grove) ..... Rees 9 10 10

3.30—MORTLAKE THREE-Y.O. HANDICAP HURDLE of £300. 1½ m.

043 MEROS (Mr. R. Brooks) ..... Bennett 11 2
043 TERET (Mr. Nailer) ..... Gore 11 1
000 BUNTY BILL (Mr. Morrison) ..... Woodman 11 1
430 MORELET (Mr. F. Phillips) ..... Anthony 11 1
331 PETER PAX (10lb. ex.) (Mr. Humphreys) ..... Major Doyle 11 10
(The above have arrived.)
130 FIRST MAGIC (Mr. Jones) ..... Poole 11 7
RUNAWAY (Lord Cheylesmore) ..... R. Beasley 11 5
023 FORMIDABLE (Lord Cowley) ..... Powell 11 30
3 HUNGARIAN (Major Mendel) ..... Whitaker 11 9
BROWN POM (Mrs. Bennett) ..... Bennett 11 7
301 LITTLE GEM ROSE (10lb. ex.) (Mr. Robb) ..... Mr. Robb 11 5
ROSEMARY (Mr. Whiteman) ..... Duller 11 4
303 SEACRAFT (Mr. A. Goldwater) ..... Harwood 11 3
ENTANGLER (Mr. de Vine) ..... Woodman 11 3
00 CROSSJACK (Mr. Rich) ..... Martin 11 3
002 WHITE DRAUGHT (Mr. J. Harris) ..... Hyams 11 3
IRISH WAVE (Mr. Fenton) ..... Ellaglee 11 0
00 GOLD WILLOW (Mr. H. C. Miller) ..... Rivett 11 0
000 TUXMORE (Mr. J. Harris) ..... Hyams 11 0
00 MY HAMBLER (Miss Bowyer) ..... Gobr 11 0
000 LAUGHING CAVALIER (Mrs. Bass) ..... Martin 11 0
0 WHIPPING BOY (Mr. Cummins) ..... Woodman 10 13
00 REGULATOR (Mr. Howson) ..... W. Nightingall 10 13
046 ORANGE RIVER (Mr. Barton) ..... W. Payne 10 13
JOLLY BUTCHER (Mr. Cameron) ..... Cameron 10 13
00 REDMER (Mr. V. Thompson) ..... F. Hartigan 10 13
000 KILWORTH (Capt. Barnett) ..... Woodman 10 13
430 YOUNG HEROINE (Mr. E. Beasley) ..... Hastings 10 5
000 BALSCHELL (Miss Coghman) ..... J. Lyall 10 5
002 DOMINICAN (Mr. Rawdon) ..... Beasley 10 5

BETTING FORECAST.

KEMPTON PARK.

1.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Martes, 5 to 2 Barnawee, 7 to 2 Ned Carver, 5 to 1 Golden Victory, 7 to 1 each St. Bernard and Sir Eyre, 10 to 1 any other.

1.30 Race—9 to 4 agst. St. Corentin, 7 to 2 Manrico, 5 to 1 Petty Cury, 6 to 1 Perico, 7 to 1 Speen, 8 to 1 each Chaltoi and Priority, 10 to 1 Dominican, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—7 to 4 agst. Devonport, 11 to 4 Sir Huon, 4 to 1 Ammonal, 5 to 1 Phaco, 7 to 1 Jack Boore, 8 to 1 White Ronald, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. Civic Guard, 5 to 2 Savernake, 9 to 2 Isle of Wight, 7 to 1 Wild Vine, 8 to 1 Belaize, 10 to 1 Elunyd, 100 to 7 any other.

3.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. Pride of Manister, 3 to 1 Silken Prince, 7 to 2 My Bath, 6 to 1 Loch Allen, 7 to 1 Rousham, 8 to 1 Grenhurst, 100 to 8 any other.

3.30 Race—2 to 1 agst. Hungarian, 5 to 1 Redmer, 9 to 2 Young Heroine, 11 to 2 Dominican, 7 to 1 Sunny Bill, 8 to 1 each White Draught and Formidable, 10 to 1 Orange River, 100 to 8 any other.

HOCKEY.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

SOUTH ANTRIM (1) v. MONKSTOWN (1).

This was the only match of real importance yesterday—there were other fixtures, to be sure, but only a few—and its main interest lay in the glimpses it gave of Ulster form, through the fact that South Antrim have defeated Lansdowne twice this season, and on the occasion of the latter's teams recent visit to Dublin they were able to defeat a strong side of Three Rock Rovers. So there was curiosity as to what they would do with Monkstown, an erratic team, no doubt, but when put to it and in the right mood, a very difficult side to defeat.

The game was played at Royal terrace, in the dull and heavy conditions that ruled everywhere yesterday afternoon. As might be expected, the ground was on the soft and slippery side, but played much better than might have been expected. South Antrim travelled with little mud, and, therefore, were not up to their best strength; while Monkstown were not as usual. It was in a way a good game, from a players' point of view, but from the spectators' standpoint the hockey was of moderate class, particularly the forward play, the tendency to individualism before the prominence of the Monkstown side, when the latter's strong defence broke up the South Antrim attack. Monkstown, indeed, had three-fourths of the game and took a score about fifteen minutes after the start. Leitch following up a nice opening left him by Semmence. This lead was maintained up to about ten minutes before full time, when Moorhead managed to get in a lucky shot, the ball swerving in past Fenton, who was completely deceived, the game thus ending in a draw of one goal all.

Teams:—

Monkstown—A. Fenton; G. M. Orr (capt.), J. Peterson; W. Morrison, D. R. Reynolds, T. Darragh; D. Dorner, R. Leitch, R. Semmence, R. Towers, H. Wadsworth.

South Antrim—E. Grant; B. Shaw, A. Draper; H. Hunter, J. Corken, S. Hutchinson; F. Boyle, R. Brownlow, J. Moorehead, B. Ritchie, H. Rutherford.

Umpires — Messrs. W. F. McDonnell and L. Morrison.

KINGSTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL (3) v. MR. RUTHERFORD'S XI. (2).

Played at Tivoli terrace, Kingstown, yesterday, an enjoyable game resulting by an easy win for the home side by 8 goals (F. Cooke (3), H. Estrange (3), Clarke and W. Ritchie), to 2 goals (Glanville).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Shannocks v. Pembroke Wanderers, Serpentine avenue, 2.30. Umpires—Messrs. F. Scales and W. Peterson.

Shamrock—Maxwell; Varian and another; Peterson (capt.), Winder, Phillips; Jones, Martin, Duke, Cook, and Kitchen.

In the second round of the White Cup (ladies) yesterday, North-West beat Downshire by two goals to one at Londonderry.

BOXING.

JOHNNY SULLIVAN DEFEATS BOB JACKSON.

VERDICT UNPOPULAR.

Johnny Sullivan, the 17-year-old welter weight of Covent Gardens, who is a pupil of Carpentier's, appeared at Hoxton Baths yesterday in a ten rounds contest with Bob Jackson, of Tilbury. Sullivan did not impress in a hard bout, and Jackson had much the best of matters for the first seven rounds. Then Sullivan went in to fight his man, and regained so much of lost ground that he finally gained the verdict on points, which led to disorderly scenes and an assault on the referee.

DUTCH CHAMPION'S WIN.

At the Ring, Blackfriars, yesterday afternoon, Van Dyk, the Dutch 9st. champion, defeated Billy Hampton, of Pontypridd, on points. It was a good hard fight, with the Dutchman the cleverer and more resourceful boxer, but Hampton was very plucky, and put up a good fight and made his rival fight hard all the way.

KID LEWIS BEATS F. DAVIES.

The meeting between Kid Lewis, ex-middle-weight champion, and Shooting-Smith Fred Davies, of Monmouth, in a 20-rounds contest, at Premierland, London, last night, produced a hard, dogged contest. Matched at 11st. 6lb., Davies was the heavier, but Lewis always carried too many guns for him. He out-fought him in all respects, and had him down for long counts in the seventh and twelfth rounds. Davies fought on very gamely, to be well beaten on points at the close. Lewis won decisively, though he had not the punch to clinch matters earlier.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S KEMPTON PARK MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Martes.	Perico.	Beggar's End.	Civic Guard.*	Gem.	Tibet.
Man on the Spot	Martes.	Perico.	Beggar's End.	Civic Guard.	Grenhurst.	Hungarian.
Sporting Life	Ned Carver.	Treble Scotch.	Devonport.*	Savernake; if ab. Civic Guard.	Martes.	Dominican; if ab. Hungarian.
Man on the Spot	Prince Clifton.	Treble Scotch.	Tom Crow.	Civic Guard.*	Loch Allen.	Dominican.
Westminster Gazette	Martes.	Troika.	Tom Crow.	Savernake; if ab. Civic Guard.	Snipe's Bridge.	First Magic; if ab. Hungarian.
Daily News	St. Bernard.	St. Corentin.	Ammonal.	Civic Guard.	Pride of Manister.	Sunny Bill.
Daily Chronicle	Ned Carver.	Perico.	Phaco.	Civic Guard.	Plushed.	Dominican.*
Daily Express	Ned Carver.	Stevens' selected.	Kwang Su.	Civic Guard.	Pride of Manister.*	Hungarian.
Daily Mirror	Martes.	Perico.	Beggar's End.	Civic Guard.	Grenhurst.	Dominican. (final bet).
Daily Graphic	Martes.	Cruiser Arc.	Tom Crow.	Civic Guard.*	Pride of Manister.	Formidable.
Times	St. Bernard.	Perico.	Beggar's End.	Civic Guard.	Silver Ring.	Hungarian.
Daily Mail	Martes.	Dominican.	Beggar's End.	Civic Guard.	Silken Prince.	Laughing Cavalier.

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RUGBY.

INSTONIANS (3) V. LANSDOWNE (0).

There was only a fair attendance at Lansdowne road yesterday, but the weather was very unfavourable, rain coming down heavily. The ground was slippery and heavy, and accurate back play was out of the question. Lansdowne did well in only being defeated, by a penalty goal to nil, their forwards working splendidly from start to finish, but the conditions undoubtedly handicapped the back division of the visitors. There was one change on the Lansdowne side, Parr replacing Pemberton in the pack. The visitors were without W. Hewitt, and their front rank were even lighter than the young Lansdowne front rank.

In the first few minutes of the game McDowell started his backs, and fine passing saw Douglas having a dash for the line, but Crawford brought him down. Shortly afterwards passing on the other wing resulted in Hewitt's transfer to McClenahan going into touch. McClenahan now got hurt, and retired till a few minutes after half-time, Goldsborough taking his place on the left wing. A fine dribble by Goldsborough from half-way brought play to the Lansdowne line, where the home side were penalised, and Douglas kicked a fine goal from near the touch-line. Instonians leading by 3 points to nil at half-time.

On resuming splendid kicking by Hall and Crawford saw play at half-way, from where an Instonian rush brought the ball down to the home 25, where Douglas, picking up, was nearly in. A fine bout of the forces followed, in which the forwards and backs took part, saw Harris having a dash, Hogan dribbled down the centre and tackled Gilbert in possession, but Douglas relieved with a fine kick. Again Hogan got the home side attacking, but McClenahan, with a clever pick up and kick, left play at centre. Twice Douglas, with short, sharp bursts, was nearly in, but the Lansdowne tackling was sound, and at the finish a fine kick by Crawford saw play at half-way.

Gilbert, at full for the visitors, was not as good as usual, but S. Hewitt was capital in the centre, his kicking being splendid. Douglas was in great form on the right wing, and seemed more at home under the conditions than any player on the field. Hall and McDowell combined well at half-back, while the forwards were a clever lot. Copeland, Goldsborough, Neill, and McDowell were the pick, while Shaws followed up splendidly. Crawford, at full for Lansdowne, gave a really first class exhibition, his fielding, kicking, and tackling being excellent, and his only mistake was overdoing the fly kicking, which once nearly brought about disaster. Hogan, in the centre, was the pick of the home three-quarters, and played his best game of the season, while Harris was very sound on the wing. Robertson did well at out-half, and forward the Pikes, Whitty, McEnery, and Healy worked hard. Teams:—

Lansdowne—W. M. Crawford; V. Harris, S. Hogan, D. McWeeney; H. Scales, P. Hands, D. Robertson; C. Calendar, J. Healy, W. Keogh, J. McEnery, V. Parr, T. Pike, A. Pike, P. Whitty.

Instonians—(after) S. Douglas, L. Gilbert, P. S. Hewitt, R. O. McClenahan, W. H. Hall, J. C. McDowell, H. Copeland, J. Campbell, G. Goldsborough, R. Halliday, J. McDowell, J. Neill, A. Steer, 2 Shaws.

Referee—Mr. J. J. Rowland.

NORTH OF IRELAND (6) V. MONKSTOWN (6).

Monkstown inaugurated a series of matches with Belfast clubs yesterday when they played North of Ireland. The visitors had to field what was largely a scratch team, as only five Monkstown players turned out. Amongst the substitutes were H. W. Stephenson, the international three-quarter.

In the first minute of the game G. V. Stephenson intercepted a pass and cross-kicked. McCaldin rushed in, and after punting over the head of M'Farland picked up and scored. The place kick failed. Gardiner dribbled well into the visitors' 25, from where H. W. Stephenson kicked across to the other wing. There was a race for possession between Gaisy and Gardiner, and the latter succeeded in sending the ball into touch. Jackson came into prominence with a splendid run after he had intercepted, and from G. V. Stephenson led his brother away. He was tackled by Hamilton, but soon afterwards he broke away again, and covered a lot of ground before he was stopped. Both full backs were called upon, and then Hamilton was grassed by H. W. Stephenson when he was making a dash for the line. Gardiner failed in an effort to drop a goal, and play was contested at the centre until a free carried the visitors to their opponents' 25, from where forward rushes gave North relief. Gardiner and Jackson engaged in a passing movement, and from the centre's pass N. Brand dived over. Byers failed with the goal kick from a difficult angle. From scrummaging on the visitors' line Delap got over a couple of minutes later, a line-out resulted in Britton scoring another try for Monkstown. H. Stephenson failed with the kick, and the interval arrived with the teams on level terms—3 tries each.

At the opening of the second half there was a lot of give-and-take play. The ground was very slippery, and backs had difficulty in handling. North pressed strongly, and on two occasions quick passing movements nearly brought a score. The home team eventually reached the ball over the line, but Monkstown got the touch down. Byers made a good attempt to land a goal from a penalty kick. The Monkstown defence was severely tested, and Pollock had a hard time after dribbling over the line, following a cross-kick by Hamilton. M'Farland was slow in fielding a long kick by Pickeman, and failed to touch, and in his own line. Immediately afterwards Ganly was bowled into touch at the corner flag, and at the other end Hamilton just failed to touch down a sprint for the ball after Gardiner had kicked it over the line. Result:—

North of Ireland—3 tries (6 points).
Monkstown—4 tries (8 points).
Teams:—
North of Ireland—R. A. T. McFarland; R

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THOMAS JONES NOWLAN, late of Trudder Grange, Newtownmountkennedy, in the County of Wicklow, and formerly of Clarfield Park, East, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Esquire, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statutes 22 and 23 Vict., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 26th day of August, 1923, are required, on or before the 14th day of January, 1924, to send in (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors, to whom Probate was granted, forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Saorstat Eireann on the 13th day of December, 1923.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 14th day of January, 1924, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which particulars of which shall have been given as hereby required.
Dated this 14th day of December, 1923.
R. NORMAN POTTERTON, Solicitor for Executors, 20 Wicklow street, Dublin.

IN THE GOODS OF
THE VERY REVEREND JOSEPH A. CANON BURKE, P.P., Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that all claims against the estate of the above-named Deceased, late of St. Gabriel's, North Circular road, Dublin, are requested to forth, with send particulars of same in writing to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors.
Dated this 27th day of December, 1923.
O'NEILL and COLLINS, Solicitors for Executors, 43 and 44 Lower Sackville street, Dublin.

SUITS.—Take Notice that I, Francis Coyle, of 108 Lower Clanbrassil street, in the County of the City of Dublin, do intend to apply at the next General Session of the Peace to be holden in and for the County of Dublin, for a transfer of a Seven-day Licence to Sell Beer, Cider, and Spirituous Liquors by Retail at and in the house 32 Kingsgrove (late Cullenswood), Ranelagh, in the Parish of St. Peter's and Administrative County of Dublin.
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FRANCIS COYLE.

JOHN M. CULLEN, Solicitor, 6 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.
To the Divisional Justices of County Dublin; the Superintendent of the "E" Division of Metropolitan Police; the Clerk of the Peace.
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In re the late
MISS CECELIA HUNT.
All persons having claims against the estate of the above lady, who died at 29 Pembroke road, on the 1st inst., should send detailed particulars of same to
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The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
PERCY A. HAY, Secretary.
Broadstone Terminus, Dublin,
21st December, 1923.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Shipping.
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Hotels.
Horses.
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The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

On Monday the Lord Chief Justice, sitting in Dublin, granted a conditional order of certiorari in the case of Captain Francis Bustace, who was ordered to be imprisoned for twelve months by a District Justice in Tipperary on the ground that illegal evidence had been admitted at the hearing of the charge.—(Page 6.)

It is stated that a new line of steamships will be started in the New Year from Holyhead to Belfast.—(Page 5.)

Christmas Day was observed by Services in the various Dublin city churches, and on St. Stephen's Day the theatres and other entertainments were well attended.—(Page. 5.)

A series of armed robberies took place in Dublin on Christmas Eve.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

A case of foot-and-mouth disease has been discovered in an animal at the Liverpool Abattoir. The disease has also been found near Whitehaven and near Carlisle.—(Page 5.)

There was a heavy fall of snow in many parts of England and Scotland on Christmas Day.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD

The Pope has given his consent to the erection of a wireless station in the Vatican Gardens.—(Page 5.)

No news has been received of the big Zeppelin, Dixmude, which belongs to the French Government. She has been given up as lost.—(Page 5.)

A number of avalanches are reported in Switzerland.—(Page 5.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets on Monday were fairly good, and some substantial rises in prices were recorded. War Loan Fives rose to 101.—(Page 7.)

Money was in active demand into the New Year, and there was heavy borrowing at the Bank at 4½ per cent.—(Page. 7.)

SPORTING.

At Kempton Park yesterday Tomahawk won the Christmas Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Page 2.)

A successful Dog Show under the auspices of the Allied Clubs was held in Dublin yesterday.—(Page 7.)

At Lansdowne road yesterday Instonians defeated Lansdowne at Rugby football by a penalty goal to nil.—(Page 3.)

At Leopardstown Races, which attracted a large attendance, the principal event—the Newtown Hurdle Plate—was won by Holy Fooks.—(Page 2.)

Trade With Russia.

The possibility of a Labour Government in England has brought into prominence once more the question of Soviet Russia. Just five years ago the first attempt was made to bring the Bolsheviks into the society of civilised nations. It failed, and all later efforts have shared the same fate. At Genoa Messrs. Lloyd George and Briand made heroic efforts to bring Russia to her senses, but the only concrete result of the negotiations was the conclusion of more or less non-committal trade agreements. Now a further step has been taken. News has been received in London that an important group of British, Canadian and Dutch transport companies have completed negotiations with the Soviets for the development of overseas traffic to and from Russia. A mixed company has been formed, and will be known as "The Russian-Canadian-American Passenger Agency," with headquarters at Moscow, and branches throughout Russia. The Russian Government will be represented on this company by the Russian Volunteer Fleet and the State Mercantile Fleet, while non-Russian interests will be represented by the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Cunard Steamship Company, the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, the Anchor Line, the Anchor-Donaldson Line, the Holland-America Line, the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, and other affiliated concerns.

Before the war the Russians probably were the most extensive travellers in Europe, and educated Russians were among the most broad-minded and most highly-cultured of men. Since 1914 a new generation has arisen in Russia. Boys who, when the war broke out, were in short trousers now are leaders of public opinion. They have been born and bred in an atmosphere of provincialism, and know little or nothing of the great world beyond the borders of their own unhappy land. Conversely, the modern European knows nothing about Russia, apart from gruesome reports of the condition of affairs which prevails between the Volga and the Vistula. If the new shipping agreement succeeds, Russians will be able to travel again, to visit foreign cities, and to learn that, perhaps, after all there is something to be said for "capitalism." Europeans will be able to go to Russia, to see for themselves the results of Lenin's experiments. Russia needs to know more about Europe, and Europe needs to know more about Russia. Each has its ideals as well as its faults, and, so long as they remain at arm's length, neither can be expected to understand the other. The promotion of mutual intercourse will be an excellent thing, but before any further steps can be taken certain facts must be made quite clear.

Europe will not tolerate Bolshevism. If Russia wants a form of government which condemns ninety-five per cent. of her population to abject misery, no other nation has a right to interfere with her wishes; but she must not try to impose her system on the outside world. Lenin and his friends have established certain standards of international morality in Russia which happen to offend against every canon of civilisation. Before there can be any question of a real *rapprochement* between Russia and the rest of Europe those standards must be abolished. For instance, ever since the advent of Lenin to power the repudiation of Russia's lawful debts has been one of the chief planks in the Bolsheviks' platform. Russia owes large sums of money to Britain, to the United States of America, and to France. Until she consents to recognise her debts she cannot hope to secure recognition from any of these Powers. Furthermore, she must give a safe guarantee that her propaganda in the East will be stopped. She gave certain guarantees on former occasions; but, as the trouble in Afghanistan proves, they were dishonoured at the first possible opportunity. The next British Government may be Labour, Conservative, Liberal or a Coalition; but it will insist on the observation of the fundamental amenities of international intercourse. Russia can secure full recognition to-morrow if she chooses to pay the necessary price for it; but no British Prime Minister ever will dare to grant it to her until the conditions have been fulfilled.

The City of David.

We have published extracts from Professor R. A. S. Macalister's reports on his researches at Jerusalem for the Palestine Exploration Fund and the *Daily Telegraph*. The narrative, which was completed on Monday, shows almost certainly that the Irish archæologist has succeeded in his task. He has found on Mount Ophel the site of "the Castle of Zion which is the City of David." The evidence on which he worked is contained in a few brief passages from the Books of Samuel, the Kings and the Chronicles, which tell how David took the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites by a surprise attack, how Solomon built Millo and repaired the breach that his father had made, and how Hezekiah built up the wall at the approach of Sennacherib. Dr. Macalister produces cogent proof that his spade, and the science behind it, have verified all these statements. The whole history of ancient Palestine is buried beneath the country's soil. At the outset these explorers came upon relics of the Byzantine age and, a little deeper, upon a Roman house which probably was built in Hadrian's time. Still digging downwards, they uncovered in turn the works of Hezekiah, Solomon and David. Finally, they found the cyclopean walls of the Jebusites, who had occupied the site a thousand years before David was born, and fragments of pottery indicate the existence of an even older race. The City of Solomon belongs to 1000 B.C.; Hezekiah's additions bring us nearly to the period of Nebuchadnezzar's destruction three hundred years later. The archæological evidence accords almost "uncannily"—the word is Dr. Macalister's—with the evidence of Holy Writ. He found the remains of the huge wall from which the Jebusites taunted David. He found in "Warren's Shaft" the subterranean passage through which Joab, with a few volunteers, penetrated into the City while David was attacking the wall. Solomon repaired the breach made by David, and Dr. Macalister discovered the exact place of these repairs. He discovered also signs of a later and hasty repair—beyond question, the work of Hezekiah under stress of imminent danger. The excavations were conducted with the minutest care. A large stone was missing from a great staircase built by Solomon. It was tracked down and found among the ruins of the Byzantine mansion to which a thieving contractor transferred it many centuries ago. There seems to be no doubt that Dr. Macalister has established the site of the City of David and has settled definitely the long controversy between the claims of the eastern and the western hills in favour of the former. Once again archæology has vindicated the truth of the Bible narrative, and has given another reproof to the cocksureness of much of the "higher criticism"—which, however, is not quite so "high" as it was twenty years ago.

Literature and Sport.

Literary competitions will be held at the next Olympic Games, and prizes will be awarded for compositions relating to sport. The *prestige* accruing to the successful writers may have the happy effect of restoring athletic topics as literary themes. The urbanisation of art during the last century would make an instructive study. From Scott, whose tales were full of the incidents of the chase and of the intelligent nature-love that is peculiar to the sportsman, down to the modern novelist, whose scenery is bricks and wall-paper, there is a sad declension and a loss of virility. Men have grown passive in their pleasures; they are sportsmen now only by proxy. Their literature contemplates the world of action as crude violence rather than as a life where skill is part of strength, and fineness of eye and hand is tested in every venture. Yet open-air tastes are ancestral with the folk of these islands, and they still respond when a Stevenson writes of—

Airs of the morn, airs of the hill,
The flowery forest and the seas
That break about the Hebrides.

Their character and history owe what is inestimable to that love of sport which has been so conspicuous in their lives and in their letters. All their battles were won upon their playing fields. Classic English literature was written by lovers of the field and the wave. Ireland, in her Ossianic poetry, has a literature founded in sport: every adventure begins with a hunt, and Ossian's comrades express perfectly the island ideal in their watchword, "Truth on the lips, cleanness in the heart, strength in the hands." Miss C. Somerville says truly in her latest book that Ireland will be ill-served if among the changes of the times the old comradeship of class with class in the bond of sport be broken. An interesting subject of discussion would be the rival claims of our existing classics for the Olympic prize. Perhaps, the book which most perfectly embodies the true sporting spirit is one that few would think of naming, since it is read nowadays only by those whose literary palate knows the best wine: we mean "The Compleat Angler." Here are written immortally the love of earth and air, comradeship, good fare, song and early rising; nor is the book less sportsmanlike because its joyous innocence rises sometimes to a note that is religious, almost mystical. The noisy swarms whose games are played by professional proxies, and who gamble on races without the exhilaration of seeing them, might redeem the name of sport if they would obey old Walton and "be quiet and go a-angling."

Golden Gifts.

Christmas was spent happily, and even effusively, in Ireland, despite the atrocious weather; and ocular evidence suggests that Christmas presents were given on a lavish scale. We may be certain, however, that one much-prized article did not change hands with the old frequency. Few boys who have gone to school since 1914 have experienced the special thrill that was furnished by the gift of a golden sovereign. Fathers and uncles are not less generous than of yore, and they do their best. The schoolboy's pound-note at Christmas usually is of the crispest and cleanest; but it lacks the charm and excitement of the solid gold. It cannot be jingled against baser coins; it does not conjure up pictures of stately Spanish galleons sailing from the Isthmus. The American boy is more fortunate than his contemporary in these islands. All our British gold has gone to the United States, and much of it has been circulated in the form of Christmas presents. American bankers have estimated that more than two millions sterling in gold would be found in the Christmas stockings. This total was withdrawn by many persons, in comparatively small amounts during the earlier days of last week. American citizens never use gold in the ordinary transactions of life, but it is a favourite form of Christmas present. These millions, therefore, have been employed to give a rich and ample flavour to the gifts of Santa Claus. No doubt, many parents have improved the occasion with a pious lecture on the lucrative virtues of American statesmanship.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland and their family spent Christmas at Alnwick Castle, where they will remain till the middle of next month. The Duchess of Norfolk is entertaining a party of young people, including the Earl of Bective, at Arundel Castle, where she is giving a dance this week. The Earl and Countess of Haddington arrived at Mellerstair House, Kelso, for Christmas, and were warmly welcomed by the tenants and the employés.

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The Duke of Richmond and Gordon is entertaining a small family party this week at Goodwood, where he celebrates his seventy-eight birthday to-day. In 1903 he succeeded his father as seventh Duke of Richmond, second Duke of Gordon, and Duc d'Aubigny, a title conferred by Louis XIV. in 1684. He represented West Sussex in Parliament for sixteen years and Chichester Division from 1885 to 1888. The heir to the title is the Duke's elder son, the Earl of March, who was formerly a major in the Irish Guards and was for some time stationed in Dublin. The fourth Duke, great-grandfather of the present peer, was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1807 to 1813, and later was appointed Governor-General of Canada.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Graham and their children are spending the Christmas holidays at Leysin, on the Lake of Geneva. Lady Rutherford has left England for Portofino. Sir Henry and the Hon. Lady Norman have arrived at the Château de la Garoupe, Antibes. Mr. and Mrs. John Mulhall, who have been residing at Shrewsbury and in Hertfordshire since they left Dublin, are spending the winter at Santa Margherita, Italy.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort and Lady Millicent Taylour are Christmas visitors at St. Morits, where the Marchioness of Donegall and her son, the Marquis of Donegall, Lady Perrott and party, Sir John and Lady Latta, Mr. Cecil and Miss Latta, Lady Poynter and Mrs. St. George and party are among the recent arrivals. The other Swiss resorts are filling fast, and at Murren, Klosters, and Gstad there is a steady influx of visitors, chiefly of British nationality.

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The recent arrivals at Cannes include Princess Philippe de Bourbon, Princess Alexis Karageorgevitch, the Duc de Nemours, the Duc and Duchesse de la Force, Sir Francis and Lady Elliot, Countess Poulett, Sir Stuart and Lady Coats, Baron and Baroness Cederstrom, Sir Frederick and Lady Young, Baron Henri d'Espée, Sir Charles and Lady Warde, General and Mrs. Coventry Williams, Mrs. and Miss Nunn, Mrs. V. Fitzgerald and party, Mrs. Sands, Captain Bradley, and Mr. Russell Watson.

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Lord Wavertree celebrated his sixty-seventh birthday on Christmas Day. He spent it at Osmaston Manor, Derbyshire, with his sister-in-law, Lady Walker, and his nephew, Sir Ian Walker, for whose recent coming of age several festivities are taking place this week. Lord Wavertree will leave shortly for Cannes to join Lady Wavertree at their villa, where she is entertaining a small party, including the Earl of Ypres.

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The Earl of Warwick, who is spending the winter at Devonshire, is again seriously ill—I succeed, and the Countess of Warwick has been obliged to cancel several engagements. Lord Ormathwaite has been laid up with a severe attack of bronchitis, and is leaving London to-day for Mentone for a stay of two months.

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PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Lawrence Kane, E. J. Galley, H. Poë Alton, Mrs. Alton, Miss Thelma Alton, G. L. Drury, Captain and Mrs. C. Bedworth, Miss Sheila Bedworth, E. D. Huggett, R. N. Huggett, Captain F. S. Allen, Captain H. Davies, Nurse K. Davies, C. W. Gore, Desmond D. C. Swayn, Lady Walkscourt, Miss Sewell, Miss Coffey, T. F. O'Riordan, Dr. F. J. Morris.

Departures:—W. Buckland, S. F. Smalldridge, Miss O'Hagan, R. J. Dowling, the Misses Lavey, Max Lavey, Phillip Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Boyd, William Dawson, Captain L. J. Kelly, Mrs. Fay, Mrs. William Boughey, J. F. King, Dr. H. W. L. Dale.

McBirney and Co.'s Great Annual Winter Sale will commence on Monday next.

The Manafield Sisters—Annual Sale starts on Friday. Always noted for their Genuine Reductions.—26 Wicklow street.

"Our Boys," the Noted Juvenile Clothiers and Outfitters, commence a great Sale on to-morrow.—Genuine Bargains.—24 Wicklow st.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by pure trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

To Ladies—Elastic Stockings, Belts, and Medical Appliances. Reed's Corsetiere for ladies on 1st floor. Female attendant.—Pannis and Co., 41 Grafton st.

Gilmore and Co. Ladies Tailors, specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited—141 Lr. Baggot st. Morning Orders executed on the shortest notice. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—The depression recently over the Southern part of the North Sea is passing away across Central Europe and filling in, but another depression to the South of Iceland is spreading eastwards. Unsettled weather is probable in all districts, with more sleet or snow in the North.

Ireland.—Wind south-westerly to westerly, strong at times; some rain, occasional bright intervals; visibility moderate to good; moderate temperature.

All Irish Seaboards.—Wind between south and west, strong at times, a gale locally; much cloud and rain; visibility poor at times; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Monday 1 p.m. 30.00
" Wednesday, 1 p.m. 29.90
SUN.
To-day....Rises ... 8.40 Sets 4.12
To-morrow .. ... 8.40 " 4.12
Lighting-up Time 5.12
HIGH WATER.
DUBLIN.
To-day.....Morning 1.45 Afternoon 1.52
To-morrow .. 2.27 " 2.37
BELFAST.
To-day.....Morning 0.59 Afternoon 1.19
To-morrow .. 1.34 " 1.57
QUEENSTOWN.
To-day.....Morning 7.44 Afternoon 8.5
To-morrow .. 8.26 " 8.49

"HANSEL AND GRETEL."

MR. McNALLY'S PRODUCTION AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

Mr. Walter McNally deserves thanks for bringing forward, at this season, a very charming production of Humperdinck's fairy opera, "Hansel and Gretel." The work is one that delights both old and young. The children like to see the stage representation of one of the best loved of the fairy stories that now belong to many nations, though native to the land of dark forests and mysterious valleys.

The most noteworthy elements in the charm of the music can hardly appeal to the young, but to their elders—to those, at all events, who have musical appreciation—Humperdinck's music is always welcome. As a setting for a children's fairy story it is in many respects absurd. Little turns of the story are treated with all the weight of seriousness that Wagner applied to the downfall of the gods: the echoes of the forest have as deep import for the woodman's children as they had for Young Siegfried.

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In brief, the music is out of proportion. Such music it is, nevertheless; the score has delighted two generations of musicians, and is quoted in text books on orchestration almost as freely as the scores of Wagner himself. Humperdinck is devout for the Wagnerian orchestra—an orchestra, that is to say, in which each group of instruments is complete (so that a full choir can sing, so to speak, in each tone-colour), and the weight of strings must be such as to counter-balance so large a force of wind and percussion. Mr. Vincent O'Brien has an augmented orchestra, but not all that Humperdinck scored for. Through a great part of the opera, even the keen student of the music was not greatly distressed by deficiencies: on the whole, the orchestral music went well; and only a musical philanthropist could be expected to provide a festival orchestra for such a season as this.

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Vocally, the production was satisfactory. If mention be made first of Miss Ita Cope's shortcomings yesterday in singing Gretel's music, it is to state at once the plain reason that she was struggling against the throttling effects of a heavy cold. We hope it will be the pleasure of later audiences to hear her as she deserves to be heard. She showed, even yesterday, that she understands the part, and her pretty way of acting it delighted everybody. That exception made and accounted for, one can praise unreservedly. Miss Kathleen Destournel was a most lovable Hans, and her voice came with fine volumie and roundness.

How well Mr. McNally is serving the public in this production may be judged from the fact that he has got Miss Florence Howley to sing so small a part as that of the Sandman, and Miss Joan Burke to take up the part of the Witch, which gives no scope for fine singing, though it needs a competent singer if it is not to go wrong. Miss Burke's praise is that she entered into the spirit of the part thoroughly. One of the best things in the performance was the work of Miss Monica Warner, as the children's mother. This, again, is by no means a show part, but the music has got to be well sung in the right strain. Miss Warner, in whose progress many Dublin people are interested, did extremely well with the part; her scolding of the children, though vigorous, was never unmusical; it was plain that she has a very fine voice, which will not be wanting when a more effective part is at her disposal, and her acting was perfectly "in the picture."

The Dawn Fairy's song was prettily done by Miss Renée Flynn. Mr. Walter McNally, who is sharing the part of the broom-maker with Mr. William Lemass—they will appear on alternate afternoons—was himself in the cast for the opening performance. He is splendidly suited by the part. He made a fine, rollicking and vigorous character of the countryman, and revelled in the jolly "Tra-la-la-la" song in the first act.

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The staging was complete and satisfactory, and the pretty story will live brightly in the memories of the many young persons who were there to see the production yesterday, and of the others whose visit on other afternoons before Mr. McNally withdraws the piece will give a fine excuse to elder folk to renew acquaintance with Humperdinck's rich music.

Forgetting the criticism as to the over-el

BIG AIRSHIP MISSING.

NO NEWS SINCE SATURDAY.

CREW OF 50.

SEARCH BY AIR AND SEA FAILS.

HOPE ABANDONED

DRIVEN OVER DESERT BY TORNADO.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

Over Christmastide the anxiety felt for the fate of the Dixmude, which left its base at Toulon eight days ago and has not been heard of for five days, has not abated.

There is no news of the great airship—nothing but conflicting reports and rumours—and, although Paris persists in hoping for the best, the few remaining shreds of hope are fast vanishing.

There have been reports from Northern Africa saying that the Dixmude has been sighted in the region of Medinina, in Southern Tunis; but to-night it is definitely stated that the airship has not been seen since Friday evening last, and that no news has been received from her since she flashed out a wireless appeal for help at 3.15 on Saturday afternoon.

The declarations of officers commanding the destroyers and cruisers searching for her in the Gulf of Gabes, saying that her lights had been seen, indicating that she was floating out to sea, are not credited, and at the Ministry of Marine here hope has been abandoned.

An official *communiqué* states that when last heard of on Saturday the Dixmude was being buffeted and driven inland over the desert by the tornado raging over Southern Tunis.

Aeroplanes sent out to scour the vast expanse of the desert have returned to their bases, and report that there is no sign of the dirigible having landed inland.

The British authorities at Malta report that British destroyers and aeroplanes are searching the waters in the vicinity of the island, but so far without result.

The Dixmude, which had a crew of 50 on board, including 14 officers, carried one week's rations.

The general view in Paris (adds Reuter) is that the search should be concentrated on Southern Algeria, and to that end cavalry and aeroplane patrols have been sent out.

AVALANCHES IN SWITZERLAND.

TRENCHES DUG TO SAVE HOTEL.

BERNE, Wednesday.

Numbers of avalanches are reported from mountainous districts, following upon heavy snowstorms. Much damage has been done.

Two persons have lost their lives.

At Sepey, a village in Vaudoes Alps, near the Diablerets, a house and eight outhouses have been carried away. One life was lost.

Numerous minor cases of damage or injury are reported from widespread districts.

At Sainte Croix snow is nearly seven feet deep.—(Reuter.)

MONTREUX (By Mail).

Leysin, famous for its sanatoria, has been the scene of three formidable avalances in three different directions, which caused considerable damage to property and trees. Fortunately, only two persons seem to have been injured, the snow masses having fallen during the luncheon hour.

"It will require several days to clear away the *débris* of smashed chalets, broken furniture and trees.

The first avalanche descended east of Leysin, near the main road joining Leysin village and Leysin Feydey, at a point called En Esserts, where there are several chalets, one above the other—just the kind of place where an avalanche can do most damage.

The last of these chalets, on the slopes of Tour D-ai, was completely overwhelmed by the rushing mass of snow, and a mother and her child were buried in the *débris* of their home. They were, however, quickly rescued, with only slight injuries. The goats, which were in the stables, disappeared in the snow. Of the other chalets situated a little lower down, three parts of one are destroyed, while the other is completely submerged.

The latest message from Leysin mentions a number of other injured, and describes the long file of rescuers, with a doctor, all up to their waists in the snow.

Simultaneously with the avalanche at Esserts, two others came rushing down—one west and the other east of Leysin. The first struck the Pension St. Agnes, invading the first floor, and battering in the ground floor. The patients were all got out, and taken to the neighbouring hotels in a snowstorm.

The second avalanche descended on a wooden annex of the Pension de la Dent du Midi. The progress was finally stopped at a house just below which was submerged up to the second storey.

As a precautionary measure trenches have been dug behind the Grand Hotel. The train service between Aigle and Leysin is working irregularly.—(Reuter.)

SNOW IN GREAT BRITAIN.

HEAVY FALL IN SCOTLAND.

While Dublin and Ireland generally was free from snow during the holidays, reports from several parts of England and Scotland speak of severe weather and heavy snowfalls.

A telegram from Doncaster reports deep snow over a wide area there. There was also a big fall in the Newcastle district, and at Lincoln and at Coalville, Leicestershire. In several cases, however, the thaw set in with rain, and rendered conditions most unpleasant.

On Christmas Day and Night there was a snowfall of from four to six inches on the Yorkshire Wolds.

SNOWSTORM IN SCOTLAND.

A severe snowstorm prevailed throughout Christmas Day in the East of Scotland. At night many roads were completely blocked by drifting snow to a depth of three to seven inches. Sheep were drawn into sheltered areas and hand-fed.

On Lochlomondside the snowstorm was the heaviest experienced this winter. Snow fell heavily all the afternoon, and continued into the night. Ben Lomond and other hills were covered with deep snow.

Hundreds of the Glasgow unemployed were kept busily engaged yesterday clearing the city streets of the snowfall, which is stated to be the heaviest for thirty years.

THE PRISONERS.

ONLY ABOUT 2,000 STILL DETAINED.

An official announcement from the Government Publicity Department states that between December 1st and 23rd, 3,841 prisoners have been liberated from jails and internment camps. The number still in detention is about 2,000

THE IRISH MOTOR DERBY.

TAILTEANN ARRANGEMENTS.

STATEMENT BY MR. J. J. WALSH.

In an interview which he gave to a representative of the *Irish Times*, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Director of Aonach Tailteann, spoke of the arrangements for the holding of the Tailteann Games next year in Dublin, and referred especially to the motor road race, which has been the subject of considerable discussion recently.

Some months ago the Director said, the Royal Irish Automobile Association was approached by them with a view to having a two-day motor race as a corollary to the Tailteann Games, and it was suggested that the fourth week of August would be entirely suitable for an event of the kind; in other words, this would mean that the Games, with the Horse Show would occupy the entire month. The Automobile Association fell in with this suggestion, and proceeded to sound international racing men in England, France, Italy, America and elsewhere, and, finding that they would be agreeable to make Ireland a venue for such an event, they took steps to secure a course, which, by the way, is not yet definitely decided upon, though several suitable courses within the thirty-two counties were in prospect. Before deciding on a course the Automobile Association determined to secure the approval of the English holders of the international motor trophy, and the English Automobile Association was communicated with, with a view to co-operation, about a week ago.

Two outstanding English racing men were requested to visit Ireland to inspect these tracks, but instead of coming to Dublin, as intended, they went direct to Belfast, and it appeared that, in connection with certain Northern Government theirs, they not only inspected, but agreed on a course, ignoring altogether the Association in Dublin, which was solely instrumental in initiating the idea of a race.

It would appear from correspondence in the Belfast Press, said Mr. Walsh, that the Committee had intended that the six-county territory should necessarily be excluded in the selection of a venue. He left entirely in this matter, because in any discussion on the question of venue with the Automobile Association he specifically emphasised the fact that the Tailteann Games or anything connected therewith knew no demarcation line within the four shores of the country; and the Association was specifically requested to explore every possible course within the thirty-two counties, and if a more suitable course were found in the vicinity of Belfast than was found here, it should be selected, the only condition that the Director laid down being that the control of the race itself should be retained by the organisation in Ireland controlling this form of sport—namely, the Royal Irish Automobile Association.

No matter where the race was held in Ireland the same assistance would be given in international organisation and propaganda. The Director specially desired it to be understood that there would be no such questions as those of religion or politics in the revival of this great national festival, which was as much the property of the citizens of Belfast as of the citizens of Dublin, and, whilst the Games were being held in Dublin next year, it may be the turn of Belfast in three years' time. Moreover, Belfast was generously cooperating in practically every department, and there should be no question in the minds of the citizens there of any monopoly for a particular district.

Speaking from his own experience, the Director said he had had found some of the best sportsmen in Ireland in Belfast. Some of his best friends were there, although, perhaps, they were not in political agreement with him; and on the Tailteann Council itself would be found a big sprinkling of prominent men from the Northern capital.

One matter that the Director mentioned in the course of the interview was that, if the race were run in the six-county area, the Northern Government should prepare the necessary roads and provide the necessary finances for the race; but this should be done with the approval and under the supervision of the authority in this country responsible for the promotion of this particular form of sport.

THE TAILTEANN GAMES.

Referring to a letter dated the 29th November which he has received from Mr. Michael F. O'Hanlon, Special Commissioner to America for the Tailteann games, the Director, said that Mr. O'Hanlon speaks in glowing terms of his Canadian organising efforts. He has just had a most successful public meeting in Vancouver, at which representatives from the athletic, rowing, swimming, and boxing sections of the population were present in big numbers; and a committee of these representatives and of representatives of the shipping and railway companies was formed for the purpose of providing men and money for the Canadian contingent, of which Mr. P. J. Mulqueen, Chairman of the Canadian Olympic Commission, Toronto, is to be president and director-in-chief.

Mr. O'Hanlon also speaks very highly of his reception at the amateur athletic unions in Chicago, where he was assured of the most liberal support from these American organisations. He is continuing his tour in the direction of Seattle and San Francisco.

The Chicago Herald and Examiner of the 24th November states that Mr. O'Hanlon is making a tour of the country and of Canada in the interests of the games to be played in Dublin, beginning the second week in August next and continuing for three weeks. He has been in New York, the eastern part of the Dominion, and also attended the thirty-fifth annual Convention of the National Amateur Athletic Union at Detroit that week. His purpose is to interest Irish-Americans in the games and to secure a full representation in them from that country.

Mr. O'Hanlon is quoted as saying:—"I am assured of success. I requested the A.A.W. to endorse the participation of Irish-American athletes, and the International Relations Committee approved it. We estimate that it will cost between 40,000 dollars and 50,000 dollars to defray the expenses of those entering from the United States. While this sum has not been engledged, I am assured that it will be raised by public subscription and that the United States will have a full team in the track and field events, football, hurling, boxing, and rowing. To compete in the games an athlete either must have been born in Ireland or have at least one Irish parent or two Irish grandparents. After carefully studying the *status* of many of your athletes who seem assured of earning a place on the American Olympic team, I was agreeably surprised at the number who are eligible to represent America at Dublin. This means that the expense of sending a team will be lessened materially, for arrangements have already been made for the American athletes to compete in the British Empire games in London a week after the Olympic games in Paris, and our games will be held in the succeeding week. Thus comparatively little additional expense will be incurred by having eligible members of the Olympic team compete at Dublin. This same is true of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. We expect teams from these countries, as well as England, Scotland, and Wales, and individual athletes now on the Continent."

SENTENCE OF DEATH.

COMMUTED BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The sentence of death passed on Patrick Aylward at the Dublin Commission on November 26 has been commuted to penal servitude for life by the Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Executive Council.

Aylward, who was to have been executed this morning in Mountjoy Jail, was a farmer at Rochestown, Mullinavat, County Kilkenny, and was convicted of the murder of William Holden, an eighteen months old child, by taking him from a bed in his parents' house and placing him against the kitchen fire. The child was so badly burned that it died twenty-four hours afterwards. According to the case for the prosecution, Aylward was on bad terms with the Holden family, and, entering their house in the absence of the father and mother, placed the child against the bars of the kitchen grate.

PRINCESS YOLANDA.

ROME, Wednesday.

Newspapers announce that a happy event is expected about the middle of January in the family of Count Calvo di Bergolo. The Countess was Princess Yolande, the King of Italy's eldest daughter.—(Reuter.)

HOLYHEAD TO BELFAST.

NEW SERVICE TO THE NORTH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
HOLYHEAD, Wednesday.

The deepening of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company's inner harbour at Holyhead will be completed in the very near future. The object for which the deepening of the harbour was originally undertaken some eighteen months ago was to provide safe accommodation for the company's Irish cross-Channel mail steamers, which at present arrive at and depart from the Admiralty Pier.

It is now stated on trustworthy authority that the company are seriously contemplating the inauguration of a direct steamship service by a fleet of modern steamers between Holyhead and Belfast.

The distance between the two ports is 110 miles, and the passage could be covered in, approximately, 5½ hours.

Further information as to the proposed service is expected in the near future, and it is understood that the new project is part of the company's policy of developing their passenger traffic between England and Ireland.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

CASE DISCOVERED AT LIVERPOOL.

A case of foot-and-mouth disease has been found at the Liverpool Abattoir.

The animal, which, it is thought, was affected before it came into the lairage, has been slaughtered.

Foot-and-mouth disease made it appearance in Cumberland, when an outbreak was reported at a farm at Hensingham, near Whitehaven. Five milk cows are affected out of a herd of 25.

An outbreak of the disease has been confirmed at Scotby, near Carlisle. Three animals were affected out of a herd of 21 shorthorn bullocks.

Owing to the prevalence of foot-and-mouth disease there was again no cattle market at Newcastle on Monday. There was no shortage, however, in the Christmas markets supplies.

IMPORTS PROHIBITED.

PRETORIA, December 24.

It is officially announced that, owing to the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, the importation of cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs from Great Britain and Ireland is prohibited until further notice.—(Reuter.)

GERMANY'S NEW MOVE.

M. POINCARE HEARS THE PROPOSALS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

The Reparations Commission met this afternoon, and the delegates to the two Committees of Experts were definitely appointed.

It was decided to send out the invitations to the Experts' Committee on the capacity of Germany on January 14, and those for the Committee to examine the question of German capital abroad on January 21.

An eleventh hour change has been made in the list of British delegates. Owing to opposition in the Court of Governors of the Bank of England, Sir Robert Kindersley, a director of the bank, replaces Mr. Montague Norman.

The interview between Herr von Hoesch and M. Poincaré, which had been fixed for Monday afternoon, lasted over an hour. The German *Chargé d'Affaires* handed to the French Premier a document, in which were set out, as had been demanded by M. Poincaré, the German Government's proposals for direct negotiations, regarding a *modus vivendi* in the Rhineland and the Ruhr.

It is generally believed that the contents of the German Memorandum were of an entirely technical nature, such questions as relations between occupied and unoccupied Germany, currency problems, the creation of the bank of issue for the Westphalian, Rhineland Customs duties in the occupied territories, administration and working of the railways, and the navigation of the Rhine.

It is probable that it will not be until the New Year that a reply will be sent to Berlin.

BRITAIN'S PART.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Germany has informed Great Britain of the communications which have taken place between her representatives in Paris and M. Poincaré. Rome and Brussels have also been informed. It should be understood that the detailed proposals which Herr von Hoesch submitted are those upon which Germany desires to negotiate.

She is seeking to lay down the foundation for negotiation, rather than to open them. The object in view is a settlement of the relations between the occupied territories and unoccupied Germany.

It is unlikely that Great Britain will bring any direct influence to bear, and the fact that she has been informed of the *demarche* made by Berlin is no warrant of action.

We are handicapped by having a Government which is in office, but can scarcely be called in power. In fact, which is keenly appreciated by foreign statesmen.

MR. BERNARD SHAW ON GERMANY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Wednesday.

Christmas messages by politicians, professors, and others warn the German public of difficult times still ahead. The Foreign Minister, Herr Stresemann, says that there is no reason yet that suggests that Germany's worst time is over.

Asked by the *Berliner Tageblatt* whether he wished to send any greeting to German men of letters, Mr. Bernard Shaw replied: "I regard it as an act of inexcusable derision for the intellectual workers of the Allied Powers to send friendly Christmas greetings to their German colleagues now being plundered by those Powers. The only possible answer to any such measures would be the English couplet:

'Perhaps you do well to dissemble your love,
But why kick me downstairs?'"

UNION REBELLION RECALLED.

MARITZ TO SURRENDER.

LOURENCE MARQUES, Wednesday.

Maritz, the leader of the rebellion in the Union in 1914, who recently returned to Africa from Germany, announces that, having received no reply from the Minister of Justice to the request which he made some time ago for "instructions," he is leaving today for Pretoria to surrender himself.

A later message says Maritz left this afternoon for Pretoria. It is understood that he will be arrested so soon as he enters Union territory at Komatipoort.—(Reuter.)

COMMUNIST PLOT.

RINGLEADERS IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN ARRESTED.

MADRID, Wednesday.

All the ringleaders of the revolutionary Communist rising planned to take place simultaneously in Spain and Portugal on December 28th have been arrested. The Spanish and Portuguese police are co-operating to crush the plot.—(Reuter.)

BROTHERS DROWNED WHILE SKATING.—Two boys, brothers, named Easton, were drowned in Easton Grassy Pond, near Newcastle, on Christmas Eve through the ice breaking.

THE POPE'S WIRELESS STATION.

MASSES FROM VATICAN GARDENS.

WORLD-WIDE RANGE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
ROME, Wednesday.

The Pope has approved the erection of a powerful radio broadcasting station in the Vatican gardens.

The chief purpose of the station is to permit His Holiness to say Masses and bless his blessing to the whole Catholic world simultaneously, and also to permit free communication with his entire flock.

Cardinal Gasparri, Secretary of State, has informally inquired of the Italian Government whether it had any objection, because the development of the radio would give the Pope, for the first time in 50 years, free contact with the outside world.

This request may bring up the whole political question of the Pope's freedom.

The Italian Cabinet will consider the request this week. Senator Marconi, who has arranged with one of his companies to build the Vatican station, is now in Rome discussing the details at the Vatican and inspecting the sites.

The Vatican wishes the station to be powerful enough to reach every corner of the world, and to be free of any Government control.

CASE OF CAPTAIN EUSTACE.

"IMPORTANT MATTER TO BE ARGUED."

In the case of Captain Francis Eustace, Master of Foxhounds, of Grenanstown, near Nenagh, County Tipperary, who was sentenced under the Public Safety Act, 1923, recently, by a District Justice to twelve months' imprisonment for having been in possession of stolen property, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting in Dublin, granted, on Monday last, a conditional order of *certiorari* to bring up the magistrate's order for the purpose of having it quashed, on the ground, as alleged, that illegal evidence had been admitted at the hearing of the charge, and that other essentials of justice were absent.

The case will be argued before a full Court early in January. Meanwhile Captain Eustace remains in prison.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, with whom was Mr. Dockrell (instructed by Messrs. W. Findlater and Co.), made the application, which was grounded on an affidavit made by Mr. P. McGrath, the solicitor, who appeared in the District Court for Captain Eustace. Captain Eustace, it was stated, while motoring with a lady on the 15th July last, "put up" Tipperary Park, about 6 o'clock, by two armed men, who compelled him to drive them to Coolbawn. When they arrived at that village they drew up at the publichouse of Martin Treacy. The armed men pretended to be Excise officers. While they were sampling a bottle of whiskey a sergeant of the Civic Guard entered, and to him they pretended that they were officers of that force. They produced to the sergeant a document purporting to be their authority to search for illicit liquor.

They returned to the motor car, in which the lady was still sitting, and they drove to Kilgoran quay, on Lough Derg, where the armed men broke into a store and took a quantity of goods which they carried off in the car. Captain Eustace states that he was then further compelled to drive to the village of Puckane, where they had drinks at the publichouse of John Blake. Captain Eustace paid for the drinks, and the lady was brought in. One of the armed men produced a revolver and threatened Blake. Captain Eustace intervened to prevent the publican from being shot. Blake defended himself with an iron bar. While they were thus engaged a party of military arrived, and the soldiers fired on the men and rendered their escape. There was some firing after the raiders, and the military took Captain Eustace and the lady into custody. The lady was allowed to go, and Captain Eustace was detained by the Civic Guard at Nenagh.

It was further stated in Mr. McGrath's affidavit that information supplied to him by Captain Eustace, that the lady was re-arrested, and that she and Captain Eustace were jointly charged before the District Justice, when the case was made that Captain Eustace was not acting under compulsion of the armed men, but that he was a voluntary participator in their proceedings, and that he aided the stolen goods into his possession.

No charge, said counsel, was read over to the accused in court, and they were not asked to plead, and did not plead. No depositions were taken. The lady in question—Mrs. Coldwell—was examined as a witness against Captain Eustace, before she was discharged.

The case will be argued before a full Court early in January. Meanwhile Captain Eustace remains in prison.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna said that notice of appeal was not accepted by the Registrar of the Court, on the advice of the State Solicitor that no appeal lay.

The Lord Chief Justice said that he was not prepared to say whether there was a right of appeal or not, but he was of opinion that there was a right of appeal from every decision of a District Court. His lordship, in making the conditional order, said that there were matters of importance to be argued.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN O'DWYER, LL.B.

The death took place unexpectedly at his residence, St. Michael street, Tipperary, Christmas Eve, of Mr. John O'Dwyer, LL.B., solicitor. Mr. O'Dwyer, who was in his 70th year, came of an old and popular Tipperary family. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where in 1876 he took his degree of B.A. and LL.B. He subsequently started his professional career in Tipperary, where, for a short time, he had an extensive and lucrative practice. He was appointed solicitor to the old Tipperary Board of Guardians, and later to the Tipperary No. 1 and No. 2 Rural District Councils. Apart from his professional career, he filled a very large part in the social and sporting life of the community. He was secretary to the Barronstown Races, and to him in great measure was due the prestige which that popular reunion still retains, a task in which he was ably assisted by the late Mr. James Dobbyn. To him also is due much of the popularity which the Tipperary Agricultural and Industrial Society has attained. At the meets of the Scartlen Black and Tan Hunt he was a familiar figure, and his death will be sincerely regretted by all who knew him.

Mr. W. J. M'DOWELL.

The death of Mr. William J. M'Dowell, of Messrs. W. J. M'Dowell and Co., hatters, hosiers and fancy linen manufacturers, 79 Great Victoria street, Belfast, took place on Christmas night, at his residence, Woodboye, Belmont. A native of Belfast, he was all his business lifetime associated with the staple trade of Ulster. Before establishing the successful concern with which his name is linked, he was manager for several years for Messrs. Thomas Pullman and Co. Mr. M'Dowell then founded and conducted for nearly twenty years a prosperous business at 1 Howard street, removing in more recent times to 79 Great Victoria street.

MR. THOMAS DAWSON.

The death of Mr. Thomas Dawson, the late Town Clerk of Tipperary, which occurred at his residence, Dillon street, Tipperary, on Christmas Eve, at the age of 45, will cause keen regret to all who knew him. He came of an old Tipperary family, being the son of the late Mr. Jeremiah Dawson, who was for many years Town Clerk of Tipperary, an office to which Mr. Thomas Dawson was appointed in 1909. He took a keen interest in the housing question, and, as a representative of Tipperary Urban District Council on the Municipal Authorities' Association, came closely into touch with the problem as it affects urban areas in Ireland. He was appointed on the Committee which was specially selected to put forward a solution.

Sir Napier Burnett, K.B.E., Chief Executive Officer of British Red Cross Society and Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, died at his residence, 6 Radnor street, early on Christmas morning. He was aged 61, and had been ill for some time.

DANISH PRINCE

TO MARRY "LUMBER KING'S" DAUGHTER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
OTTAWA, Wednesday.

The engagement is announced here to-day of Prince Eric of Denmark, and Miss Lois Booth, the grand-daughter of Mr. John R. Booth, who is widely known as the Canadian lumber king, and one of the wealthiest men in Ottawa.

Prince Eric is a nephew of Queen Alexandra, and has been resident in Canada for some time past.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

It is officially announced that Prince Eric, on the occasion of his betrothal, has renounced his right of succession to the Throne of Denmark, and title of Prince of Denmark. The King has, however, conferred on Prince Eric the title of Count of Rosenborg.—(Reuter.)

CHURCH REUNION.

ENGLISH PRIMATE'S LETTER.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has written to the Archbishops and Metropolitans of the Anglican Communion from Lambeth Palace under date Christmas, 1923, on the subject of reunion.

In the course of his letter the Primate says:—More than three years have passed since the Lambeth Conference of 1920, and I am sending to the Metropolitans of our Communion a brief summary of the position, as I view it, of the reunion question. This letter is not in any strict sense official. It is merely a brief summary of what seem to be the present features of the scene or "movement" viewed from an advantageous standpoint. The Lambeth Conference's "Appeal to all Christian People," to which we had agreed with almost complete unanimity, was circulated in many languages and in many lands.

Much has passed since with regard to reunion, and not all of it bears directly upon the Lambeth "appeal," but that "appeal" has in all cases formed a background to what has been done and said.

THE CRUDEN OF ROME.

In addition to all this there remains the question—a question which has features of paramount importance—of the relation of the Church of England to the Church of Rome. You will agree with me in regarding that subject as separated from other reunion problems, not only by the history of centuries of English life, but by present-day claims and utterances. And the plain fact confronts us that, in relation to that subject, there exist both at home and in the overseas Dominions passions, dormant or awake, which are easily accounted for, but which, when once aroused, are difficult to allay. I have myself been repeatedly warned that to touch the subject is unwise. Men urge that "even if the opportunity be given," it is easier and safer to let it severely alone. That may be true, but you and I are party to the "Appeal to all Christian People," and I, at least, find it difficult to reconcile that document with an attitude of apathy or sheer timidity as to our touching the Roman Catholic question. Not only are we pledged to the words and spirit of the "appeal" itself, but we have before us what was said on the subject by the Committee of the same Lambeth Conference in 1920. We there express our readiness to welcome any friendly discussion between Roman Catholics and Anglicans for which opportunity may be given. We have no right to say that the utterances of the Lambeth Conference have influenced Roman Catholic opinion, but I am certain that they have increased our own responsibilities in the matter.

I was, accordingly, glad when I learned two years ago that a private conference or conversation was about to take place at Malines between Cardinal Mercier, the venerated Archbishop of Malines, and a few Anglicans, who were to meet under his roof, with a view to the discussion of outstanding and familiar barriers between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. Though I had no responsibility for this arrangement, nor even any effective knowledge of it, I was courteously informed of the proposed visit, and was furnished with the names of those who were to take part in the informal discussion—namely, on the Anglican side, Dr. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells; Dr. Walter Frere, and Lord Halifax; and on the Roman Catholic side, His Eminence the Cardinal, Monsignor Van Roey, Vicar-General, and the Abbé Portal.

The substance of the conversation which took place was reported to me both by the Cardinal and by my Anglican friends. It necessarily turned in large part upon the position and claims of the Roman See, or, in other words, the Primacy of the Pope. A memorandum upon that and kindred subjects which had been prepared on behalf of the Anglican group was discussed, and the Lambeth Conference "Appeal to all Christian People" was, I understand, considered paragraph by paragraph. It was suggested that, with a view to a second visit, the two English Archbishops might informally nominate delegates of their own, and might suggest the question to be followed. I did not see my way to doing this, but in the correspondence which ensued I expressed my readiness to have official cognisance of the arrangements, provided that a corresponding cognisance were given by the Vatican. Satisfactory correspondence, with regard to that point, I gave to what is described as a friendly entourage to a second visit of the Anglican group to Malines in March, 1923. The conversation on that occasion turned in part on certain large administrative problems which might arise if and when a measure of agreement had been reached on the great doctrinal and historical questions surdering the two Churches.

A THIRD CONFERENCE.

It was agreed that a third conference should take place. The third conference was held at Malines a few weeks ago under the same kindly hospitality as before. There has not yet been time to weigh adequately the record of the conversations which took place; still less the unsolved differences which they exhibit, but I may say at once that, as was inevitable, the discussions are still in a quite elementary stage, and that no estimate, so far as I can judge, can yet be formed as to their ultimate value. Needless to say, there has been no attempt to initiate what may be called "negotiations" of any sort. The Anglicans who have, with my full encouragement, taken part are in no sense delegates or representatives of the Church as a whole. I had neither the will nor the right to give them that character. This is well understood on both sides. They have sought merely to effect some restatement of controverted questions and some elucidation of perplexities. And to me it seems indubitable that good must, in the Providence of God, ensue from the mere fact that men possessing such peculiar qualifications for the task should, in an atmosphere of goodwill on either side, have held quiet and unrestrained converse with a group of Roman Catholic theologians similarly equipped. No further plans are yet prepared, but it is impossible, I think, to doubt that further conversations must follow from the careful talks already held. At the least we have endeavoured in this direction, as in others, to give effect to the formal recommendation of the Lambeth Conference that we should "invite the authorities of other Churches to confer with us concerning the possibility of taking definite steps to co-operate in a common endeavour . . . to restore the unity of the Church of Christ."

MURDERER'S BODY BURNED.

COPPERSMITHS, MAINE, U.S.A., Wednesday.

On Christmas morning a mob of indignant neighbours wreaked vengeance on the body of the man John Snow, who had killed his wife, three other women, and a boy, and then shot himself.

They disinterred the body, dragged it over the frozen ground to an empty farmhouse, where Mrs. Snow and her two married sisters were murdered, and set fire to the house after placing the body in it. They watched the fire until there was no possibility of recovering the body.—(Reuter.)

The death occurred at Norwood Grange, Huddersfield, on Christmas Eve, of Sir Joseph Henry Kaye, Bart., aged 67. He was principal of the firm of Kaye and Stewart, of Huddersfield, one of the largest firms manufacturing fine worsted cloth; a director of Lloyds Bank, and of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway.

CHRISTMAS RAIDS AND ROBBERIES.

TWO ATTEMPTS ON PUBLIC-HOUSES.

HIGHWAYMEN AT LARGE.

A Free State military policeman and two ex-members of the Free State Army have been arrested in Dublin in connection with the "Christmas robberies." They are Michael Watchorn, Portobello Barracks; Timothy Cronin, of 14 Oakland terrace, Terenure, and John Larkin, of 19 Old Camden street, Dublin. The last-named two have been charged in the Police Court and have been remanded.

While Christmas Day itself passed without event, the week-end and Christmas Eve were marked by a series of armed robberies. In two instances there was violence, and four men who pluckily resisted the robbers were struck with the butts of revolvers and had to be sent to hospital.

An attempt to rob Mr. Thomas Gaffney's public-house at 13 Gloucester street late on Monday night was frustrated by the foreman, Mr. John Mooney. He showed great pluck. Ignoring the threats of three men who flourished revolvers, he picked up a bottle and attacked a fourth man who had jumped over the counter and placed his hands on the cash register.

There was a general *mêlée* in the public-house. When the police arrived they found the foreman grappling on the floor behind the counter with one of the ex-soldiers who are now in custody—Timothy Cronin. Both men were bleeding from wounds on the head, Mr. Mooney's injury apparently having been caused by the butt of a revolver. Another man—Edward Walsh, of 26 Gloucester street—was suffering from an eye injury and complained of being struck with a revolver.

The three gunmen, however, had disappeared. A search was instituted, and shortly afterwards a flying squad of the detective force arrested Watchorn, the military policeman. Watchorn was walking along Findlater place, and had in his possession a large Webley revolver.

Cronin, who is 24 years of age, was charged before Mr. Collins, K.C., yesterday with attempting to steal the contents of the cash register in Mr. Gaffney's premises. He was remanded until Monday.

The evidence supported the report given above. The accused and the three armed men apparently had been drinking at the counter for some time, and it was when Mr. Mooney, the foreman, had gone to the exit door at the closing hour that the revolvers were produced and the attempt to rob the premises was made. Mr. Mooney was told to go to the far end of the shop, but, seeing the accused at the cash register behind the counter, he resisted, and was struck by one of the armed men with a revolver.

A MOUNTJOY STREET CASE.

There was a second "gun" incident on Christmas Eve. Shortly before 10 o'clock two armed men entered the premises of Mr. Bryan Ryan, spirit grocer, of 16 Mountjoy street, and ordered Mr. Ryan and his assistant to put up their hands. A fight ensued. The raiders made them run at their revolvers and eventually got away with £2.

In only one case did the robbers gain appreciable success. A "tall man" took the sum of £12 and a cheque for £2 12s. from Mrs. Molloy, a rent collector for the South Dublin Union, when she was collecting rents at the labourers' cottages in Windmill lane, in the Crumlin district.

There were several highway robberies. In these a "man with pimples" apparently figured twice, and had two, if not three, confederates. He was connected with a "hold up" at Killiney graveyard, and again was described in a robbery in Killester lane.

In the first case there were two robbers, and the victim was Edward Byrne of Coolock Bridge, a milkman. A sum of 14s. 4d. was taken. The robbers, both of whom carried large Webley revolvers, rode off on bicycles.

In three cases the "man with pimples" was the second robber. While two of them lay in wait in Killester lane, the other went to Howth Park and stopped a bread-van, on which was John O'Brien, of 71 Abbeyfield, Killester, employed by Mr. Peter Kennedy, of 127 Parnell street. The van was brought to Killester lane, where the driver's pockets and bag were searched, and a sum of £6 was seized.

The "man with pimples" would be between 30 and 35 years of age, and about 5ft. 11in. in height. He wore a light coloured overcoat and a grey cap, which he had drawn over his eyes. His accomplice, the cyclist, was of small stature, and wore a dark trench coat. A third man was about 30 years old, 5ft. 6in. in height, and was dressed in a blue overcoat and light cap.

IN SACKVILLE STREET.

Two men broke into the Broadway Soda Fountain, in Sackville street, late on Monday night. The manager, who was in the premises, detained one of them until the police came and took him in charge. The other man escaped.

Driver O'Connell, Collins's Barrack, was assaulted in the vicinity of Phibsborough on Sunday night by three armed men, who had been driving in a Crossley touring car. He was not searched.

John Larkin, the ex-soldier, is charged with conspiring with another and stealing, while armed with a revolver, a sum of £2 from Henry O'Reilly, of 59 West Lombard street.

In the Police Court on Monday, O'Reilly stated that he was going home between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday night, when he was stopped at McMahon street by two men, one of whom, pointing a revolver at him, asked him whether he had any ammunition or a gun, and then searched him. The accused was like that man. About 15 minutes after the robbery the witness pointed the accused out to the police in McMahon street. Larkin said that he himself had been "held up" and robbed, and was actually chasing the man for whom the witness was searching.

In the Police Court on Monday, John O'Reilly, described as a bookmaker's clerk, was remanded on a charge of attempting to

ITALIAN DEPUTY ATTACKED.

POLICE SEARCH FOR ASSAILANTS.

ROME, Wednesday.

The Deputy, Signor Amendola, was attacked this morning by several persons, and considerably maltreated. He was taken to the hospital, where his injuries proved to be not of a serious nature, and it is hoped that he will be completely restored to health in about a fortnight.

The assailants, whose identity is unknown, escaped. The police are prosecuting an active search.

Later.

The attack this morning on Signor Amendola is attributed to the heated discussions of which he has lately been the object as one of the most prominent of Signor Nitte's lieutenants.

When the King visited Salerno (Signor Amendola's constituency) a fortnight ago, Signor Amendola, although invited to receive the Sovereign, was begged by the authorities not to leave his house, and they actually prevented him from doing so in order to protect him from a hostile demonstration.

This measure, which was dictated chiefly by the desire to protect Signor Amendola against himself, has been exploited by the Opposition Press, which violently attacked the Government, and this is considered to have led to to-day's incident.—(Reuter.)

GASWORKERS' WAGES.

CONFERENCE TO-DAY.

In connection with the proposed reduction of 6s. per week in the wages of Dublin gasworkers, a conference between representatives of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Consumers Company and the Irish Transport and General Workers Union will take place to-day at the office of the Ministry of Labour, Dublin.

A BOOTLEGGING SCANDAL.

INCRIMINATING LIST DISAPPEARS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

The 2,500 prominent Washingtonians, among whom were supposed to be two members of President Coolidge's Cabinet, scores of Senators and Representatives, and many other persons distinguished in political, official, social, and business circles of the Capital, whose names were alleged to have been found on a list of the regular customers of a large syndicate of bootleggers which were raided by "dry" agents, have escaped prosecution, scandal, and publicity. The list has been "lost."

Washington breathed easier to-day when it was learned that the list had disappeared since the Prohibition authorities and the District Attorney had announced their threat to expose publicly the names of all persons said to have been involved, to lay the cases before a jury, and to institute prosecution proceedings.

At the Internal Revenue Office to-day no one would admit having the list, or even having seen it. Complete mystery surrounds the entire affair. Opponents of prohibition are hailing it as a black eye for prohibition, saying that it is equally serious whether the Prohibition authorities had to resort to such a sensational faking or whether they allowed such a list to be suppressed, stolen, or destroyed in order to protect the wealthy and distinguished leaders whose names were supposed to figure on it.

The "Drys" do not know exactly what to say. They, of course, cannot support the faking of such a sensation. On the other hand, they are in principle bound to demand that full publicity and prosecution shall be given if such a list has actually been discovered, regardless of the position or wealth of the persons involved and of the disastrous results which might follow.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

MR. MACDONALD'S SPEECH.

A curious error in most of the summaries of Mr. Macdonald's speech at Elgin serves to illustrate the extraordinary nervousness of Liberal writers lest they should be suspected of any desire for a *rapprochement* with Labour, remarks *The Times* editorially. On Christmas Eve, with practical unanimity, newspapers of every shade of Liberalism were soothing with indignation over the supposed comparison of their party or of their venerated leader with a corpse. They had some justification, for the Labour leader was thus reported, even in his own official organ. The corpse, however, as was plain from our own more extended report, was not the Liberals at all, but Mr. Baldwin's present Government, and in that connection, at all events, the phrase may pass muster in a party speech.

The Government, it is true, are not yet d

pense of Lady Ardilaun, a warm supporter of the institution, who has done this Christmas service for three years in succession. Later in the day Lady Ardilaun visited the hospital, and made a round of the wards.

At a number of the hospitals a present was given to every patient, being found at the bedside at waking time. In some of the wards even grown-up folk insisted on having a stocking hung, and then, of course, the gift went into it.

As regards entertainments the tendency in recent years is to have a concert at some other part of the Christmas season, rather than on Christmas Day itself, when the serving up of a special dinner and attention to other incidents of the day gives enough additional work to the staff for one day. But somewhere about Christmas time an entertainment of some kind is given in most of the hospitals, and this is a work in which members of the Rotary Club have recently taken a special interest.

At Mercer's Hospital an entertainment, arranged by Miss Levingston, has been fixed for to-day. At the Meath Hospital a concert was given before Christmas by a party brought by Mr. Pope, and a further concert will be given on the 3rd of January by students of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society. The College of Surgeons party will give an entertainment at the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot street, on Saturday.

The medical and nursing staffs in most of the institutions had their "Christmas" dinner last night. In some cases it was followed by a dance, but in others the dance will occur later.

Seeing how much is made of the children at home at this season, it is natural that special arrangements should be made to give the children who have to spend their Christmas in hospital a happy time, so far as their ailments will allow. At the Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, the day began with the opening of Christmas stockings, which were at the bedsides. Later a seasonable dinner was provided, and during the afternoon the gramophone was played, the little ones played with their toys; there were as many sweets as were good for them, and brightness prevailed in the gaily-decorated wards. The children had had their Christmas tree on Friday, when a jolly entertainment was also given by Rotary Club members. The Christmas tree in the boardroom was a very pretty affair. The tree was a large one, and was illuminated by a number of fairy lamps among the boughs. It was hung with toys, which were selected by the children (brought down from the wards for this occasion), and handed to them by Father Christmas. The genial presence of Sir Lambert Ormsby was sadly missed. He had the Children's Hospital very much at heart, and was an unfailing visitor at Christmas, as on other days throughout the year. He died on Friday, but Lady Ormsby said that she was sure it would have been his wish that the children's treat should not be cancelled.

As a rule, visitors, to a reasonable number, were allowed to see the patients on Christmas Day and at other times during the holiday season.

Christmas Day was celebrated in the Royal Hospital for Incurables in a manner that was thoroughly appreciated by the patients, nothing being left undone to make the day a happy one for them. A first-class dinner was provided, consisting of chicken, ham, and vegetables, followed by plum pudding, cakes, fruit, and other vegetables, which were privately subscribed for by a number of life governors. The wards and corridors were tastefully decorated with evergreens. After dinner music and singing were indulged in by the patients, and a feature of the day's enjoyment was a vocal performance by members of the Sandford Church choir.

The hospital was visited during the day by Mr. A. G. Hollinshead, J.P. (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. Patrick J. Brady, Sir George Roche, Dr. A. R. Parkes, Mr. James Mahony, Mr. W. H. Fry, Mr. Austin Mahony, Miss O'Brien, the Hon. Mrs. F. A. Farrell, Miss Mooney, Miss Rodington Roche, Mrs. and Miss Dagg, Rev. A. W. B. Mack, M.A.; Rev. W. N. Harvey, B.D.; Father Coulahan, S.J.; Father Coyne, S.J.; Father Conroy, S.J.; Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Peel, Miss Hoddart, Miss Kennedy. All the arrangements were carried out under the direction of Mrs. M. Legat (Matron), Miss A. Morton (Assistant Matron), Dr. William J. Crawford (Resident Medical Officer), the staff sisters and nurses of the hospital.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

There was a heavy drain on the resources of the various charitable organisations operating in Dublin during the Christmas season. In the spacious rooms of the Mendicity Institution no fewer than 1,000 guests sat down to a substantial dinner on Christmas Day. Some parents who received cards of invitation to the feast had with them as many as eight or ten of a family. The Secretary, Mr. H. F. Campbell, and the Superintendent, Mr. J. Tiernan, supervised the general arrangements. Amongst those present were the Rev. J. B. Irwin, B.D., and Mrs. Irwin, Messrs. W. Field and J. Butterly.

Other societies which helped to cheer the poor at this season were the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the society which provides free breakfasts for the poor, and had a particularly large company this Christmas Day; and the Salvation Army, which is in touch with a great number of the needy. Upwards of 100 homeless men were entertained at the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter, in Back lane, on Christmas night. After supper, which was served by members of the Committee, an excellent concert was given by Rotary Club men. At the close of the evening the "Adeste Fidelis" was sung by the boys' choir of St. Laurence O'Toole's Church.

THE SAILORS' REST.

All the seamen in the Port of Dublin (away from their homes on Christmas Day) were invited to spend the afternoon and evening at the Dublin Sailors' Rest (British and Foreign Sailors' Society). The "Rest" was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flags for many months. A platform had been erected, and some fine pieces of scenery and fancy electric lights, kindly lent and arranged by Mr. J. Aiken, added to the appearance of the hall. At four o'clock the sailors began to arrive. A short Service was conducted by Mr. T. M. Adams, of the City Y.M.C.A.; a number of old Christmas Carols were sung, and afterwards a Christmas feast of all kinds of seasonable dainties was provided at long tables, tastefully decorated with plants, flowers, etc. The "Rest" was crowded to the doors by 5.30, by officers and seamen of many nationalities. A varied programme was gone through by many well-known artists, under the guidance of Mr. Henry Henn, who presided ably at the piano. The following artists kindly helped:—The Misses Aiken, Butler, Greene, Hare, Moore, Parkes, Power, Stewart, Stools, and Mrs. Torrens; Messrs. Butler, Dawson, Evans, McCoy, Price, Smith and Taylor.

A sketch, which was composed and arranged by Mrs. Aiken, was given. "Professor Priner," the well-known conjuror, was another welcome performer.

The Superintendent, Mr. Charles E. Stewart, proposed a vote of thanks to all the friends who had helped, and to the Dublin firms who had sent gifts for the feast.

THE MILITARY BARRACKS.

In none of the military barracks in Dublin, nor yet at the Civic Guards dépôt in the Phœnix Park, was there any organised celebration of this Christmas festival. It is pleasant to learn that the disabled and convalescent soldiers in Marlborough Hall are now so very few in number that it was hardly necessary to make any outside arrangements for their amusement.

PORT OF DUBLIN.

Holiday traffic was pretty heavy at the Port of Dublin, the biggest Christmas party dealt with at the North Wall being 975. It came from Holyhead by the special mail steamer, Arvonia, of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway and Steamship Company. The British and Irish Steampacket Company's steamers from and to Liverpool, with the Burns-Laird Line boats between the Clyde, Heysham and Dublin, as well as the Sloan Line steamer, Yarrow, on the Silloth and Douglas run, contributed further parties of home-comers for Christmas.

There were no passenger steamer sailings from Dublin on Christmas Day and yesterday. The only outgoings of regular line vessels from the Liffey were the steamships Lady Wicklow and Lady Kerry, both of which took live stock to the Mersey.

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IN THE CHURCHES.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND MUSIC.

CAROLS IN THE CITY CATHEDRALS.

The Services in the various churches in Dublin were very largely attended on Christmas morning, when the message of peace was preached from the pulpits and special music appropriate to the occasion was sung.

Every seat in St. Patrick's Cathedral was filled at the special Service at four o'clock on Christmas Eve, when the congregation had an opportunity of listening to a varied selection of carols, delightfully sung by the choir, which was accompanied on the organ by the Cathedral organist, Dr. Hewson.

The Service commenced with the processional hymn, "Veni, veni, Emmanuel," and the carols included "A Virgin Unspotted," a popular late English carol, in which several good melodies are contained; "The Master's Garden," a Dutch carol from a collection of Christmas carols edited by A. J. Thijm, Amsterdam, 1862, the English translation being from the *Ecclesiologist* for February, 1856, and the melody specially arranged from a Dresden air by the Rev. Canon U. F. R. Wilson, M.A.; "The Cherry-tree Carol," one of the best known of the legendary carols; "The Three Kings" the music being by Brahms, associated with words from old German sources; "Gloria in Excelsis," a French Noël, harmonised and arranged by Dr. Hewson, and the words re-written by the late Rev. Canon J. A. Jennings; "A Christmas Legend," the melody being of the fourteenth century, "*Tempus adest floridum*," and the words by the Rev. John Mason Neale, D.D. (1818-1866); and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The Service concluded with the Blessing.

The offerings were for the Central Mission to the Poor.

Holy Communion was celebrated in the Cathedral at eight o'clock, 11.15, and 12.15 o'clock on Christmas Day. The processional hymn at Matins was "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The proper Psalms were XIX. and LXXXV. The Te Deum and Jubilate were set to Wesley in E, and the hymn was "O! Come, all ye Faithful." During Communion, "Beside Thy Cradle" (Bach) was sung.

The preacher was the Rev. N. J. D. White, D.D., Prebendary of Clonmethan, who took as his text, "Unto us a Child is born" (Isaiah ix. 6).

There was also a Service at 3.15 o'clock in the afternoon, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, commencing with the processional hymn, "O, come, all ye Faithful." The proper Psalms were CX. and CXXXII. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were chanted to Wesley in E, and the special music consisted of "Hallelujah" (Beethoven), "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" and "There were Shepherds . . . . For Behold the Darkness" (Handel). The offertories were for the Cathedral Sustentation Fund.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The Christmas Eve Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral was very largely attended. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were set to Wood in B flat. The anthem was "Nazareth" (Gounod) and the carols selected consisted of "All this night bright angels sing" (Sullivan); "All my heart this night rejoices" (adapted by Edgar Pettiman); the Cherry Tree Carol (traditional English carol); "In the bleak mid-winter" (G. von Holst); "See amid the winter's snow" (Sir John Goss); "When the crimson sun had set" (English form of traditional French melody), and "Though poor be the chamber" (Henry Brougham Farmer). The music was beautifully sung by the choir, assisted by Mr. Weaving at the organ.

The processional hymn at the Morning Service on Christmas Day was "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The Psalms were 19 and 45, and the Te Deum and Benedicite were Stanford in B flat. The anthem was: "There were shepherds." (Handel). Holy Communion was celebrated at 11.40.

The Archbishop of Dublin, who was the preacher, selected as his text Luke ii. 35, "And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy Word.'" He said that the picture that stood before the mind of Christian people to-day was the picture of the Virgin Mother and the Divine Child. That was, of course, in so far as people tried to see Christmas in the light of what they saw in the individual. To them the fundamental meaning and value of it for many among them, as they knew, Christmas was not so much a religious festival as a holiday, and a time of merry-making. But, assuming that they viewed this season in its religious aspect, they found themselves face to face with the mystery, the miracle of the Virgin Mother and the Child Jesus in her arms.

To them, who believed in the Gospel of a God who intervened to save from sin, Christmas Day told of nothing short of a miracle. They believed that the Child who was born, as on that day, was not the child of an ordinary conception, but that, as in no other case, before or after, the Child was born of the Virgin Mary who conceived by the Holy Ghost. Critics challenged this belief, and unbelievers mocked at it. Let them—they did not understand. Others who stood on the threshold of belief and were sincerely friendly to Christianity, as they interpreted it, brought us not to insist on a doctrine so improbable, so much like a legend, and so remote from any really vital significance. "Give us," they cried, "essential Christianity—give us the high ideals, pure moral atmosphere of Christianity, and we are yours heart and soul, but tell us that we cannot be orthodox Christians unless we believe in a literal Virgin birth of Jesus of Nazareth, and we must stand aloof."

It was unnecessary for him to impress upon them that this was a most fallacious plea, however honest. It was put forward in good faith, but it was put forward in ignorance. None who understood the real meaning of Christianity would dally with it for one minute. Christianity was not doctrines; Christianity was not ideals; Christianity was not pure moral atmosphere, though all these things were invoked in it. Christianity was Christ. Christ was its beginning, and its end was Christ.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

At the Christmas Service in St. Mark's Church the anthem "In the beginning was the Word" was well sung by the choir.

The preacher was the Provost of Trinity College, whose text was, "I bring you good tidings" (St. Luke, ii., 10).

The Provost went on to comment on the fact that the vision of angels on the first Christmas night was granted not to saints or sages, but to simple men doing their ordinary business; for "the shepherds were abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks." And when they had seen the Child they went back again to their sheep and their ordinary routine. "It is always through the common things of life that the vision of Heaven is revealed." This is true both for nations and for men. "The vision of life can be seen truly only by a nation that sets itself to fulfil its proper tasks and to realise the dignity of labour, and, above all, which tries to walk in the ways of peace." You cannot sing "Glory to God" with sincerity unless you strive to say in the same breath "Goodwill to men." "Try," said the preacher, "to live on terms of goodwill with all your neighbours in this city, however they may differ from you in political or religious aspirations. That is better than pointing out their mistakes, far better than passing resolutions about public matters. Be sure, if you thus try to promote charity and good-will, you will do much to further the Christmas ideals of Christian peace."

METHODIST CHURCHES.

There was a Service in the Methodist Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, at 10.30 o'clock on Christmas morning, at which Christmas carols and hymns were sung. The anthems, from the "Messiah," "There were shepherds," "For behold darkness," "Glory to God," "For unto us," and "Hallelujah" were beautifully rendered. The preacher was the Rev. W. J. Oliver.

There were Services also in the other Methodist churches, at which large congregations were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

In the Abbey Church Dr. Denham Osborne preached from "Unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings."

After referring to the increasing influence of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, the Student Christian Movement, and the Irish Christian Fellowship, Dr. Osborne said—How does our own country stand under any fair test of progress? The sun of righteousness for more than seven tragic years has been hidden. Deeds of darkness have been done which all good citizens would fain forget. The fierce struggles of the past years were not without some acts of chivalry; yet, as we know too well, hate and terror were the real masters. To-day we feel that is past. Irishmen have come to the front in the government of this country—competent, hopeful, and courageous, who, in a period extraordinarily brief, have brought the nation into a position of stability. To-day, as we assemble in our church, we are grateful and glad to think it is the first Christmas of the re-appearing sunlight. Ireland is fast setting her face to the dawn. In penitence, and in the spirit which asks forgiveness because it is itself forgiving, would the Irish people of the creeds take up the high responsibilities of the new era. We of the Presbyterian Church, as citizens of the Free State, will give gladly of our services and resources in response to all equitable claims.

For nearly all of us this island is our mother country. We yield to none in our love to her and our longing for her welfare. And her unity, too, we seek with a passion all the stronger because so many of us come from beyond the border—a unity on terms that will join in honourable ties the North and the South. We believe, too, that, as a self-governing and equal partner in the granted Commonwealth, whatever its faults, which history has known—we believe that an influence of increasing value in world affairs can through that Commonwealth be exercised by this island realm. To make that influence as spiritual and Christian as it was in the old days of Irish scholarship and Irish missionary zeal, no one sins. To that let us dedicate afresh ourselves and our children, and then upon us also as a nation fearing God, there will arise to His full glory the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

In most of the Roman Catholic churches in the city Masses, beginning at six o'clock, were said every half-hour up to noon, and there were large congregations even at the earlier Services. There was a midnight Mass of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy Word.'" He said that the picture that stood before the mind of Christian people to-day was the picture of the Virgin Mother and the Divine Child. That was, of course, in so far as people tried to see Christmas in the light of what they saw in the individual. To them the fundamental meaning and value of it for many among them, as they knew, Christmas was not so much a religious festival as a holiday, and a time of merry-making. But, assuming that they viewed this season in its religious aspect, they found themselves face to face with the mystery, the miracle of the Virgin Mother and the Divine Child.

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ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN.

Rosse College, Pupils of this College have gained 46 Bank Clerkships (including the 1st Seven Places at Bank of Ireland Examination) and 7 Railway and Corporation Appointments. The College re-opens on Monday, Dec. 31.—(Advt.)

CHRISTMAS IN THE THEATRES.

DICK WHITTINGTON AT THE GAIETY.

The biggest and the merriest children's party that our city has got together for some years witnessed the opening of the Gaiety pantomime of "Dick Whittington" yesterday afternoon. The Gaiety pantomime is still as much a part of the Dublin Christmas as is the cheerful holly.

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"Whittington" is bright and melodious, and does not drag from beginning to end in any of its eleven scenes. It is not rich in tunes that will be whistled for months to come, but the music is generally pretty. Great care has been bestowed on the dressing, and the lighting effects add to the pleasure of the show. We have seen pantomimes stronger in dancing, but what there is is worth going to see.

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This week's performances take place daily at 2 and 7.30.

THEATRE ROYAL.

On Monday evening, and again last evening, the Theatre Royal was almost crowded out at both performances by holiday audiences. The play is in the hands of Potash and Perlmutter (Philip White and Richard Conrad), whose appearance at the Gaiety Theatre a few years ago is still remembered by those who enjoyed their performance. They were then partners in another business, and now they are "Partners Again" in an automobile business of uncertain stability. The play may be said, indeed to rest upon the doings and sayings of these partners, although they have as clients engineering experts, manufacturers and agents, inventors, etc., who contribute to its success. The piece, which is in three acts, affords little or no scope for dramatic acting; it consists almost entirely of dialogue, which is infused with a large element of comedy. For twenty-five years Potash and Perlmutter have been partners, and how they got on together must be seen to be appreciated, for no description could do them justice. Their dealings with outside speculators had brought them to the doors of the Bankruptcy Court, and they are threatened with imprisonment for having received stolen property. Potash's good-humoured simplicity, and Perlmutter's combative cunning, and his preparations for a period in Atlanta Penitentiary are extremely amusing. The sale of a valuable patent, however, enables the partners to set everything right, and the final curtain descends upon a happy family group.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The matinée and evening performances of "Cinderella" at the Queen's Theatre yesterday attracted "record" houses. After a week's run the pantomime has increased, rather than diminished, its appeal, and the principals have settled down well to their parts. The comedians are headed by Billy Irving, who for some time has been playing comedy rôles in the Queen's Theatre Company productions. He makes excellent play in the part of Baron Popkoff, and, with the assistance of Jack Rorke and Wilson (one of this two ugly daughters), he manages to keep the ball of fun revolving. Jimmy O'Dea—an original humorist—has made his part as Buttons highly amusing, and his style is very good. Cinderella herself is well handled by Rosie Fitzgerald, who sings some "catching" numbers. Prince Charming is represented by Lola Milton, a capable artiste. The good fairy is charmingly played by Amy Sayer, and her retinue of fairy subjects includes some excellent dancers. In the cast also are Frances Kinders (Dandini), Bert Selby (Spintler), Jim Myers (Stutter), and a crowd of courtiers, pages, and peasants. The chorous work and general staging are good and contribute largely to the success of the pantomime.

OLYMPIA THEATRE.

The pantomime season in the Olympia Theatre was opened yesterday evening with a very satisfactory production of "Aladdin." It was evident from the thorough enjoyment shown by the audiences that the appeal of the pantomime is not confined to the young, for the hearty laughter of the older people was as infectious as the spontaneous gaiety of the children. "Aladdin" was well staged, the scenery and costumes were pleasing to the eye, and the choruses delighted the ear. Miss Fay Black, who took the part of Aladdin, was a charming principal boy, refreshing and vivacious in her rôle, and had a very charming princess in Miss Dorita Belmont. Both were very happy in their respective parts and were made the recipients of gifts from across the footlights. Walter Dale, the Widow Twankey, had a good "make up," which emphasised the drollery that he introduced into the performance, and Arthur Reece as Abanasar was an able assistant in the merry-making. The Benedetti Brothers were at entertainment in themselves, being both amusing and clever in their efforts. Their violin playing was a feature of the scene on the beach, and was loudly applauded. The Theda Sisters also did well. The Emperor of China was represented by G. Smyth-Beale. The Gordon Brothers were "a pair of Oriental Gadabouts," and Billy James "an agile laundryman." The "immortals" were played by Leslie Digby, Gent of the Ring; and Miss Sylvia Kinnimont, Slave of the Lamp. The entire performance went with a swing that contributed in no small measure to its success.

The pantomime was produced under the personal supervision of Mr. K. F. Hooper, and the music was by William Welsh and others. The orchestra did good work during the performance.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

Both performances at the Tivoli Theatre yesterday were attended by large audiences. An attractive holiday programme had been arranged, the main attraction being again the Dixie Minstrels. This troupe has a high reputation for providing wholesome mirth and melody. Al Sharpe and Billy Dunne, who act as first tambo and first bones respectively, are the principal funmakers, and arouse many a hearty laugh. The second "cornermen," Henry Crease and Jim Nicholson, are capital in their various items. An agreeable feature in their turns is Harry Braithwaite's rendering of "Shipmates o' Mine." Dave Hunter is a baritone whose efforts are much appreciated. Other clever members of the troupe are—Will Dodds, speciality dancer; Harry Carmichael, pianist; Kid Koone, juvenile artiste; Bert Dixon, dancing violinist; Alex Saunders and Pete Harmony, banjoists. Carsio is a foot equilibrist, who causes surprise and amusement. Eileen O'Meara and Teddie Mayson are especially good as the Italian lovers. In addition, the lady gives a sympathetic rendering of "When you hear the Angelus sing." Owen Jaskoe gives an exciting balancing act.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

FALL FROM A LADDER.—Owing to a fall from a ladder on a canal barge at the Alexandra Wharf, Charles Purday (56), 16 Thorncastle street, Ringsend, was treated for spinal injuries in Jervis street Hospital.

RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN KEARNEY.—Captain William Kearney, who was for over 40 years associated with the Dublin-Douglas-Silloth passenger and goods steamers of the Sloan Line, and who has been in command of the ss. Yarrow since she was built, has retired from the sea. On Monday last at his residence a handsome presentation was made to him by the officers of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Thomas Horner (79), of Mosaley, was treated at the Royal Victoria Hospital for injuries to the head and legs, sustained by being knocked down by a motor lorry in York street, Belfast.

INJURED BY MOTOR CAR.—James Montgomery (69), a labourer, has been admitted to Derry Infirmary, suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg, a scalp wound, and shock. He was walking along the road with a friend near his home when he was knocked down by a motor car.

LEINSTER.

OLD MAN FOUND DEAD.—A man of 80 years, Owen Crilly, of Lower Faughart, near Dundalk, was found dead in his cowhouse on Christmas Day. Crilly resided with his wife, who has been an invalid for many years. On Christmas afternoon he went out to milk a cow. Later the wife heard moaning, and on her raising the alarm, some neighbours went to the shed, where old Crilly was found dead.

ULSTER.

RAID ON A DANCE.—Soldiers raided a dance at Aughamore, Co. Cavan, but made no arrests.

UNTENANTED LANDS IN CAVAN.—Branches of the Cumann na nGaedheal in the Co. Cavan are preparing lists of applicants for untenanted land.

DISTRICT COURT POSTPONED.—In deference to the wishes of the Bar, Mr. Hannan, District Justice, agreed not to hold the monthly Court of District Sessions in Virginia on the 31st December, owing to the Christmas holidays.

MUNSTER.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND PRIVATE DOWLING.—Newmarket-on-Fergus Legion of Ex-Service Men has called on the British Government to release Private Joseph Dowling, "who endured the hardships of war which saved the British Empire from the grip of other Powers."

DISTRICT COUNCIL SOLICITORS.—The Ballyvaughan District Council has unanimously appointed Messrs. John R. Lynch and Co. as solicitors to the Council, a position rendered vacant by the death of Mr. J. B. Lynch, State Solicitor.

ODDFELLOWS' DANCE.—The Ennis Oddfellows' annual dance was held at the Old Ground Hotel, and proved to be a social and financial success. Music was supplied by the Ennis Melody Band.

BUTTER-BLENDING FACTORY.—Some time ago farmers in West Clare decided to establish a butter-blending factory at Kilrush. Suitable premises were obtained, and at the last meeting of the Committee of Management Mr. M. King (Chairman) said that he expected that the concern would be in working order early in January.

COUNCIL'S FIRST LAPSE.—A general meeting of the Clare County Council fell through owing to the absence of a quorum. This is the first time in the history of the present Council that such a thing has occurred.

HOME ASSISTANCE SUPERINTENDENT.—Clare Health Board has appointed Mr. Michael Hegarty, Kilnamona, as temporary Superintendent of Home Assistance in Clare at a salary of £320 per year, inclusive of travelling expenses. The Local Government Department wrote stating they were prepared to hold a sworn inquiry on the subject of the medical officership of Mountshannon Dispensary district.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

CANON CAREY'S ILLNESS.—Canon Carey (Bangor), who has been ill for some time, is making a good recovery.

A LIGHT-KEEPER'S EXPERIENCE.—Mr. Michael Boyle, a light-keeper in the employment of the Newry Harbour Trust, had a nasty experience a few nights ago. When out lighting the river lights which mark the entrance to the Newry Canal from Carlingford Lough, his boat drifted away as he was lighting one of the lamps. That night was dark and stormy, and Boyle had to cling to the light perch for two hours before he was rescued by Hugh Maguire, of Omeath, who found the boat ashore and went in search of the light-keeper.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED.—On Christmas Eve Mrs. Jane McQuaid, Lower Tallon, wife of a small farmer, fell into the fire at her house, and received such shocking burns that she died in a few hours. Several years ago the deceased woman was rescued from drowning in the Newry Canal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

IRISH PRODUCE IN ENGLISH MARKETS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As an Irish farmer on a holiday, I have taken a keen interest in looking into the markets over here and finding out the possible outlets I have for our leading Irish industry. The quantities of farm produce imported into England far exceed the utmost producing capabilities of Ireland, even if we confine ourselves to bacon, butter, eggs and poultry; but in order to secure the market the goods must be of the best—standard quality and uniform grade. Our competitors—Denmark, New Zealand, Canada, etc.—have learned the system and are improving it every day. Their goods arrive in regular standard grades, packed in uniform, attractive packages, all inspected and certified by their own Government officials before shipment. It is small wonder that the dealers here prefer to handle such goods, which give satisfaction and are marketed with the minimum of trouble.

We in Ireland must follow a similar, or even better, system if we want to maintain or increase our export business; and we must consider the size of a unit market and the like that we are up against keen, efficient and intelligent competitors. This year France increased her export of eggs by 1,560 *per cent.* and her export of butter by 254 *per cent.* If Irishmen can go to New Zealand, Canada or elsewhere and adopt methods of marketing which have given such splendid results, by the brains, energy and organisation, we could do the same at home, as the opportunities and conditions are immensely in our favour.

In order to accomplish this we need a campaign of education as to the system of the market here and what our competitors are doing. This may take some time and trouble, but it is well worth them, and the benefits to Ireland would be great. When we had roused the farmers to their opportunity the next move would be to urge upon the Irish Agricultural Department and the Government the need of enforcing standardisation and grading methods; so that before long an Irish Government export certificate would be an absolute guarantee of grade and quality. N

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

LONDON STOCKS FAIRLY GOOD.

SUBSTANTIAL RISES IN PRICES.

The Stock markets were not particularly active on Christmas Eve, but they were fairly good, and in many cases a substantial advance was recorded in places. British Funds showed but little change on the day, but the 5 per cent. War Loan rose ¼ to 101.

In FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, French Loans were heavy on the weakness of the franc. The Fives fell ¼ to 94, but the Fours closed unchanged. Japan Fours of 1905 rose 1 to 94.

There were few deals in HOME RAILS, but the tone was good, and there were several slight advances. London and North-Eastern Pref.-Ord. rose ½ to 85. Metropolitan rose ¼ to 72. Districts at 55 rose ¼, and Southern Pref.-Ord. also gained ¼ at 84.

In COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS, "Canpacs" gained a point at 168. Argentines showed signs of a revival, and B.A.G.S. at 80, Pacifics at 72, Westerns at 71, and Centrals at 66½, each gained ¼. United of Havana rose ½ to 79¼. Americans were without interest. Atchison rose 1 to 110, and Union Pacific 1 to 146.

OIL SHARES STEADY.

RISE IN SHELLS.

Not unnaturally, business in Oil shares was on a very limited scale on the eve of the holiday, but the more confident tone prevailing on Friday last continued in evidence and prices generally were well maintained. In the early hours the arrangement of the carry-over was completed without difficulty, the open position being small. Among the leaders Shells were a firm market at an advance, but Royal Dutch declined in the absence of demand. Mexican Eagles hardened, although still showing a small loss on balance. Anglo-Persians were steady, the new shares showing a small gain. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 24.			
¾	Agwi Petroleum	⅝	¾
3⅛	Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅛xd
1⅝	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅝	1¾
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian " B"	1⅛	1⅛
21/8	Anglo-Persian 5 p.c.	21/4⅛	21/3⅛
2⅛	Do. 5 p.c. Def.	2⅛	2⅛
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3⅛	Apex Trinidad	7/8	7/8
10/9	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)	10/-	10/-
7/8	British Burmah (50/-)	7/9	8/-
2/3	British Controlled	2/3	2/3
6/3	Do. Pref.	6/9	6/3
3/6	Burmah	3/6	3/6
23/7	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/-
1⅞	Caltex	1/9	1/9
1/20	Dacia		
4⅞	Dacia Transport	4⅜	4⅜
10/2½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	10/2	10/2
10/3	Do. 7 p.c.	10/3	10/4
4/6	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/6	4/6
	Indo Burmah	4/3	4/3
1/9	Kern River (10/-)	1/9	1/8
4/9	Lobitos	4/6	4/6
19/9	Mexican Eagle	19/9	19/3 -0/3
19/-	Do. Pref.	19/-	19/-
12/10½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/10½	13/4½ +0/1½
½	North Caucasian (10/-)	⅜	⅜ x
1/9	Oilfields Egypt	1/9	1/9
2/9	Pera Syndicate	2/9	2/9
17/1	Phœnix	12/1⅛	13/7½ +0/9
1/1½	Premier Oil	1/1½	1/1½
	Rumanian Consolidated	1/9	1/9
23¾	Royal Dutch	23¾	23¾ – ⅜
110½	Scottish American	1/9	1/9
3/8	Shell Transport	3/8	3/8 x
9/1	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9/-	9/-
2/10	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2/9	2/9
2/9	Spies (10/-)	2/8	2/9 +0/1
7/8	Steaua Romana	7/3	7/9 +0/3
4/9	Tankers Pref.	4/7½	5/-
1/6	Trinidad Central	1/6	1/6
1/6	Trinidad Leases	1/5	1/6
6/3	United Petroleum	6/3	6/3 +0/1½
	Ural Caspian		
3/3	Uros Oil	3/9	3/6
1/9	V.O.G. Holdings	1/6	1/6 x
1/8	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1/4	1/4 x

TEA SHARES.

Market stronger and prices better. Assam, £118–2; Chargola, 48/–6d.; Coo. T. and L. Ord., £35½–½; Empire, 53/9+3d.; Jhanzie, £18½ –½; Jokai, 65/11+1/7½; Jorehaut, 46/6+1/–; Buttons done—Cachar and Dooars, 25½ 6; Chargola, 48/–; Consolidated, 23¾; Empire of India, 53/9, 5d.; Jhanzie, 20, 19½; Jokai Assam, 65/11, 9d. 1½d.; Jorehaut, 56/6; Peacock and Nilambe, 2/10½; Central Provinces, £11 17/–, £11 18/6; Assam Dooars, 23½; Indian Peninsular, 5/6; Lonavra, Ooylon, 35/6; Lunuh Frontier, 36; Imperial, Ceylon, 36/6, 3d.; Pandan, 16/7½.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

EMPIRE THEATRE, DUBLIN.—The directors' report for the year ended 18th August, 1923, states that the accounts, after provision has been made for the year's working, show a debit balance of £2,392 0/10 on the year's working, of which has to be deducted £934 2/9, brought forward from last year, leaving an adverse balance of £1,457 18/8 to be carried forward to the next account. Owing to the very disturbed state of the city during the winter of 1922-23, the directors were reluctantly obliged to close down on 9th December, 1922. An opportunity presented itself for profitably leasing the theatre, and the directors, after careful consideration, and having obtained the best advice procurable, decided to do so, this being, they considered, in the best interests of the shareholders. The directors retiring by rotation are Messrs. Edmond McIrath and Arthur Armstrong, who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Mr. Edmond Messrs. J. A. Kinnear and Co., also retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

SCHILL BROS.—Dividend at 6¼ per cent. per annum, less tax, on Preference Shares, for half-year.

TAMTANG RUBBER.—Dividend of 7½ per cent. free of tax.

TAMPLIN AND SON'S BREWERY.—Dividend of 1/– per share, less tax, on Ordinary.

W. AND T. AVERY.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary.

RUBBER SHARES UNCERTAIN.

The Rubber Share market was inclined to be uncertain on Monday, but there was very little business on the day, and consequently changes were not of great importance. Anglo-Dutch rose 9d. to 35s. 3d., Lanadron at 32s. gained 1s. 3d. On the other side, Tamiang fell 2s. to 24s., and Mooply Valley 1s. 7½d. to 17s. 4½d. Linggi at 30s. fell 1s. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 24.			
4/3	Anglo-Dutch	35/3	+0/9
1/3	Anglo-Java	1/3	
1/–	Anglo-Malay	20/7	–0/7½
4/4½	Bertam Coast	4/4	+0/3½
27/6	Bukit Mertajam	27/6	
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang	1/7½	+0/1½
9	Dunsmuir	14/3	
19/9	Grand Central	19/9	
1/6	Highlands	23/7	
2/6	Kamunting	2/6	+0/0½
4/3	Kapayang	4/3	
1/6	Kuala Lumpur	25/9	
1/3	Labu	23/3	
1/–	Linggi	30/–	–1/9
3/4½	London-Asiatic	3/6½	+0/1½
1/5	Malacca	20/7½	–0/7½
1/–	Malaysian	1/–	
27/6	Merlimau	2/6	–0/1½
1/–	Mooply Valley	17/4½	+0/1½
2/3	Port Dickson	2/3	+0/1½
6/6	Rubber Trust	3/9	
1/6	Seafield	14/4½	
2/–	Senaghan	25/9	
1/6	Sialang	26/6	
19/6	Straits Rubber	20/9	
19/6	Tali Ayer	20/9	
1/6	Tandjong	31/3	
3/6	Tia Serdang	2/4½	–0/1½
3/6	United Sua Betong	4/9	
11/6	Vallambrosa	11/6	+0/4½

Anglo-Sum.	41/9	N. Denmark	18/7½
Bah Lias.	4/–	P.K.U. (7/-)Pal	18/6
Batu Tiga	36/3	Palaflag	13/10½
B.N.B.R. Trst	16/9	Pilmoor	18/7½
British	1/7	Rin Kalmon	3/–
Bukit Ceh	2/9	Rob.K.Johore	22/7½
Bukit Rajah	20/9	Segamat	2/6
Castlefield	4/6	Segamat'ak	21/6
Dovrist	2/10½	Selangor	4/3
Dutch	4/6	Sendang C'ak'l	24/6
Eastern Trust	15/–	Sember Ajoe	1/6
Ian.Cayian	22/9	Sumatra Con.	19/4½
Kedah Prov.	2/6	Sungei Buaya	27/6
Golden Hope	21/6	Sungei Chok	19/7½
ave Amal	22/6	Sungei Kapar	2/6½
ayer Pasa	19/6	Sungei Kr.	27/6
Malakoff	19/9	Taiping	1/4½
optigalla	7/6	Tabras	29/9
ombok	2/6½	Telogorejo	1/6
angkai Sum	26/3	Tempok	6/9
aiburg	20/3	Un.Tembang	27/6
Kanda Tar N.K.	20/6	Yam Seng	
Mambakut	1/6		

‡ Ex Div. † Ex Rights. ‖ Cum div.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55⅛, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 55⅞. War Loan—95½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 96, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 97. 5 p.c. War Loan—99⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 100. 4½ p.c. War Loan—100, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 101. Victory Bonds—91, 90⅞, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 92. Conversion Loan—75⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 76. India 4½ p.c. Stock—100, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 101. Australia 5 p.c. Stock—100, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 101. New Zealand 5 p.c. Stock—100, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 101. South Africa 4 p.c. Stock—100, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 101. Aerated Bread (2/-)—96, 95⅞, 6/8. African and European—6/6, 3d. Agwi Petroleum—13/4d, 9d. *15/-, 13/6, 3d. Amalgamated Cotton—3/1½. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—34/9, 35/-, 9d, 35/3. Anglo-Egyptian—7/-, 7/3. Anglo-Persian Oil—*48/-, 3/9, 4/4½, 4/-, 4/3. Do. 5 p.c. Pref.—91/10d. Assoc. Cement—19/7½, 6d, 20/-, 1½d., 19/9, 4½d. Asiatic Petroleum—6/4, 6/3, 6/4, 6/3, 6/4, 5½d. Baldwins Ord.—17/-, 4½d., 3d., 17/3. Barclays Bank "A"—7½, ½, 7/-. Do. "B"—52½, 3/10½d., 6d., 53/-. Do. Pref.—19/6. Berlin Dist.—47/6. Brazilian Traction—45. British-American Tobacco—99/6, 100/-, 3d., *99/3, 104d., 9d. British Controlled Oilfields—5/-, 4½d., 5/1. Brit. Oil and Cake—32/6, 9d., 7½d. Brunner Mond—36/3, 6d., 6/-, 4½d. Bryant and May—46/-. Buenos Ayres Central—3rd Deb.—70½. Buenos Ayres Great Southern—79½, ¾, 80, 79½, ¾, 80. Buenos Ayres Western Ord.—70½, ¼, ⅜, 70⅝, ¾, 71. Bunzl Pulp—3/6, 3/7½, 3/6. Burmah Oil—81/3, *80/-, 4½d., 1/3. Callico Printers—30/-. Canadian Pacific—167½, ⅝, *7½, ¾, 8/-. Central Argentine Com.—57, ½, ⅝, ¾, 58/-. Chartered—60/-, 1/6, *9d. 3d., 1/-, 10½d. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—18/10½, 19/1½, 19/-, 18/6; Pref., 21/3. Courtaulds—3/3, 3/4½, 3/3, 3/4½, 3/3, 4½d., *60/-, 59/10½, 9d. 60/3, 59/7½. Crosse and Blackwell—2/7½, 6d. 2d. Cunard Ord.—18/6, 7½d., 4½d. Deb.—103½. Daily Mail Trust Ord.—*95, ¾, ⅞, 96, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 97, 96½, 80½. Dunlop Ord.—7/7½, 4d. Deb.—106½. Dunlop Tire America Deb.—97½, ¾, ⅞, 98. Edison Swan—4/5. Elder-Dempster & Co.—Ord. (x.d.), 3d. English Sewing Cotton—*49/9. Forestal Land—21/6, 10½d. General Electric Ord.—19/9, 20/-, 19/6, 20/-, 3d. Deb.—103½, ¾, ⅞, 104. Great Western Rail.—108⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 5 p.c. Pref.—98⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 99, 4. Guinness Ord.—*200, 5, 6, 7. Harrods Ord.—23/3, 3d. Hoare and Co. Ord. (x.d.)—5/9, 1. Imperial Tobacco—68/9, 3d. 69/-, 8/10½, 4½d., 9/3, 6d., 4½d., 8/6; do. Cannada—Ordinary, 8/9. Imperial Typewriters—16/3. Kern River Oil—14/10½, 6d. Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—21/-, 20/10½, 9d. 6d., 1/1½, 20/4½; do. 5 p.c. Pref.—20/10½, 9d. 6d., 1/1½, 20/4½; do. 5 p.c. Pref.—20/10½, 9d. 6d., 1/1½, 20/4½; do. Western Rail.—108⅜, ½, ⅝, ¾, ⅞, 5 p.c.

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COUNTY MEATH.

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OF 140 ACRES OF PRIME FATTENING LAND,

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ALL NEWLY BUILT AND IN FIRST-CLASS CONDITION, HELD IN FEE, FREE OF ALL RENT, at

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AT 1-30 O'CLOCK PRECISELY (by instructions of Mr. MICHAEL O'MEARA).

These well-known Premises comprise spacious well-planned Spirit Bar, with elegant up-to-date appointments, convenient and commodious Stores for Wines, Beer and Spirits on shop level, having gate entrances from North Strand. The Dwelling, which has recently been thoroughly renovated, consists of six apartments, kitchen, &c.

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Comprising:—Piano, in rosewood case, D'Almaine and Co.; 9-piece Settee Suite, in mahogany; Walnut Chiffonier, with mirror back; Mahogany Loo Table, on tripod base; Four-tier Inlaid Whatnot, Hand-painted Tea Service, Gent.'s Mahogany Wardrobe, Duchesse Pair, Iron Bedsteads, Lounge, in mahogany frame; Gilt-frame Mantel Mirror; Weighing Machine and Set of Weights, Butter Scales, 2 Copper Tea Scales, Shop Clock, etc.

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GRAZING LETTINGS BY PUBLIC AUCTION, for Edward Kingston Vernon, Esq., at "Leinster Galleries," 11 Leinster street (Nassau street), on MONDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1923, at One o'clock:—Scofield road, Clontarf—Two Fields, adjoining the public road, containing 11 acres 3 roods 20 perches, or thereabouts. Crub Lake, or Conger Hill Clontarf, containing about 14½ acres.

SALE OF GRAZING LANDS BY PUBLIC AUCTION.—Mooney's Lane—Three-corner Field, containing about 4 acres, adjacent to Dean's Park Cottages, Clontarf, held from the Vernon Estate at the yearly rent of £21, inclusive of rates. Vacant possession. Private proposals will be received by the Auctioneers, Messrs. FRANKS and OULTON, Solicitors for Vendors, 2½ Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin.

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BLACK Coated Retriever Dog, 9 months, splendid specimen, retrieves ball, etc; only wants work to make first class gun dog; price £6 and carriage.—Murphy, Christendom, Waterford. 20 B

BEAUTIFUL Miniature Black Pekingese, splendid pedigree £4 4/-.—Anderson, 79 Rochestown avenue. 21 E

BLUE Terrier or Fox Terrier Dog Wanted, under 1 year old, cheap, companionable, quiet; state price and particulars.—D 1595, this office. 20 A

COCKERS—Quality Puppies, Black, Whites, two months; also several Youngsters.—Pettigrew Eagle-cottage. 22 F

IRISH Water Spaniel Pup, 5 months, for Sale.—Dr. Tarrant, Charleston, Queenstown. 22 F

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HOUSES AND LANDS FOR SALE.

AT Kenilworth road—Compact House, 8 apartments, gas and electric light, hot bath, garden; lease 150 years at £10/-; price £1,000.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

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CLONCURRY (one mile from Enfield)—79a. 3r. 10p. and 42a. 2r.

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HOUSES AND LANDS CONTINUED.

AT Kingstown—Non basement House, with every accommodation; price £1,200.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

AT Dorset st.—Shop and Residence; Tenant's Interest for Sale.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street. 21 X

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AT Terenure—Non basement, 6 apartments, garden; free of rent; 800 years; £1,000.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

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AT Glenevin—Charming detached Residence, non basement, 9 apartments, garage, electric light, all conveniences; subject to £3 for 999 years; price £1,500.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

AT Bray—First class Residence, near station, 6 apartments, hot bath; subject to £12 for 999 years; price £1,250.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street. 21 X

AT Drumcondra—Compact House, 3 reception, 4 bedrooms, hot bath, non basement; subject to £26 for 999 years; £1,500.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

AT Blackrock—Compact House, 8 apartments, garage, garden; head rent £10; lease 200 years; price £1,300.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

AT Sandycove—Non basement, on 1 acre, 8 apartments, hot bath; long lease; £2,600.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton st. 21 X

AT Rathmines—Modern House, 9 apartments, hot bath, held for 900 years, subject to £10; price £1,150.—James H. North and Co. 21 X

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FOR Sale at £750, immediate possession, House, containing 3 reception, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, hot and cold water, electric light, Upper Cherryfield avenue, Sandford road, Ranelagh. Can be seen any time. Apply W. G. Bailey (Builder), at above address. 21 G

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HOUSES WANTED.

FURNISHED House required; must be in good district, with at least three bedrooms, bath, self-contained, on ground floor, would be suitable.—D 1474, this office. 21 E

APARTMENTS TO LET.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS—Lists from Central Bureau Agency, 85 Nassau street. Enclose stamp. 7

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AT 40 Harrington street, Furnished Double Bedded Rooms, use of Sittingroom, bath. 21 E

AUBURN Hotel and Boardinghouse—Comfortable home; moderate.—11 Rathmines road. 8 X

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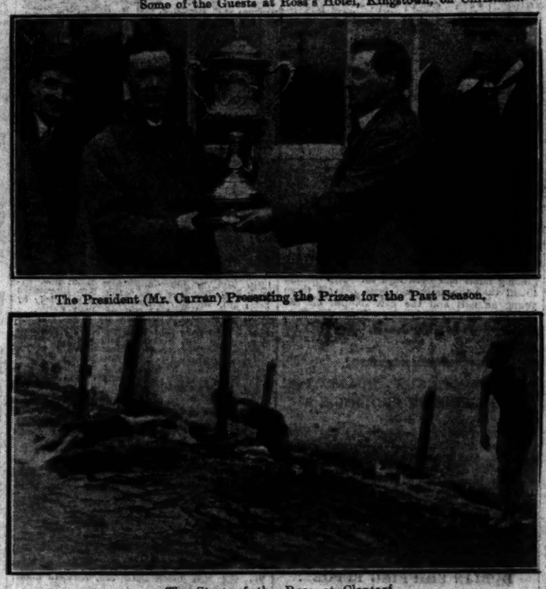
Christmas at the Salthill Hotel on Christmas Day. Some of the Guests.



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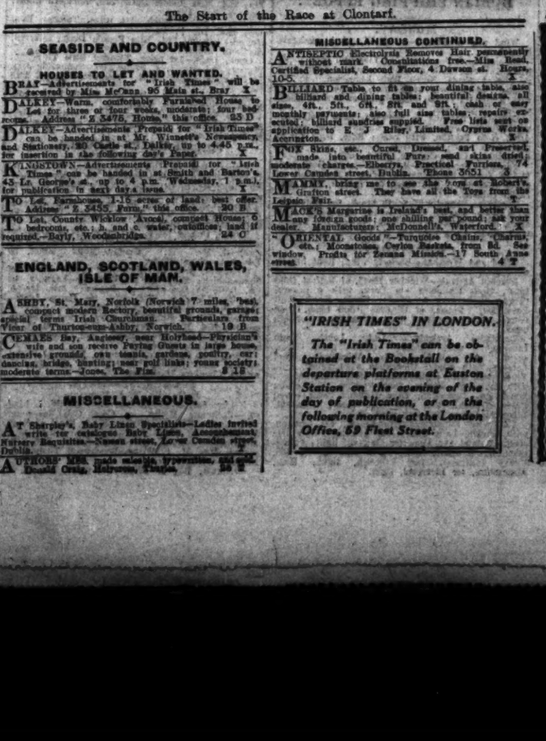

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